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LOYAL GOVT TROOPS ROUT KOREA REBELS

Danger Of Nation-Wide Revolt Believed Removed GOVT STATEMENT

Seoul, October 21.

Loyal Korean Government troops and police routed a motley army of Communist-led rebels South of Kwangju today, apparently removing a threat of a nation-wide rebellion aimed at overthrowing the infant Korean Republic.

Reports to the Korean and United States army headquarters in Seoul said Korean army reinforcements stopped the rebel advance South and East of Kwangju.

The main body of the dissidents, estimated at 3,800, was said to be fleeing into the hills.

Meanwhile the United States army gave a possible explanation of the disorders which first flared up yesterday at the South Korean port of Yosu. Major-General John Coulter, American Commander, said Korean officials were confident the revolt was caused principally by a dissident cell of 40 constabularymen who protested against being sent to Chien Island where Communist outbursts had been taking place.

General Coulter said the dissidents later were joined by civilian Communists who were quick to exploit any disorder.

Rebels Withdraw

The American commander added: "The officials also are confident they are able to control the situation. Rebel groups are withdrawing South of Kyung." General Coulter made no mention of American troops. However, it was understood he ordered his forces to have nothing to do with the fighting.

He said: "No disaffection in other Constabulary units has been reported. Police and constabulary units have co-operated admirably. Late reports from Yosu and Suncheon stated last night rioters were carrying red flags and singing the Red Flag Song."

Earlier, reliable American sources announced the rebels were fleeing into the hills where they were expected to disperse. The informant said there was no indication that the loyal police of the Constabulary would need aid from the American occupation forces.

The name of Kim Koo, leader of the Independence Party who opposed President Syngman Rhee in the recent election was brought into the rebellion plot today.

An unimpeachable informant said the police were investigating

200 Feared Lost In Quake

Santiago, Chile, October 21.

Forty bodies have been recovered from the area devastated by the eruption of the Villarica volcano, 450 miles South of Santiago, on Monday.

It is feared that the death toll may be much higher. Local reports estimate that it may reach 200.

Many were killed when lava melted the snow on the volcano and the water rushed down to Lake Villarica, where the level rose by more than three feet.

Lava running down in a fan-shaped mass cut the road between the villages of Villarica and Pucón, for 4 miles. It is estimated that more than 6,000 cattle were destroyed and that 2,400 acres of land devastated.—Reuter.

Kim Koo's activities and that Dr. Rhee and the Home Minister, Mr. T. Y. Yun, recently alleged the prominent Rightist leader was plotting the overthrow of the government.

Dr. Rhee announced he would hold a press conference at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Press Statement

The press statement from the American army commander tended to confirm previous Korean versions of the rebellion, the text of which follows:

"The rioting started on the night of October 19-20 when 40 members of a Constabulary unit which was in Yosu, on the central Southern coast of South Korea, mutinied for duty on Chien Do Island, mutilated under the leadership of a non-commissioned officer.

The mutineers then attacked the Yosu police installations. They were joined by an undetermined

number of civilian sympathizers. This group then boarded a freight train at Yosu and proceeded to Suncheon, about 20 miles North West of Yosu, where they overcame initial resistance of the police and police and launched an attack against the main police station in the town. They were supported by policemen and a company of Constabulary in Suncheon.

Other Constabulary units which were moved to Suncheon engaged the rioters from the West bank of the stream on the West side of the city and apparently have prevented the movement of the mutineers in that direction. As of 7:30 p.m., October 20, fighting was going on in the city itself.

Reinforcements

"During the afternoon a group of an estimated 1,000 rioters proceeded in the direction of Namwon, about 30 miles North of Suncheon, where they were engaged by a battalion of Constabulary deployed South of the town, that battled to has subsequent heavy reinforcements. The regimental commander has announced that he will fight to the last man.

"Other constabulary units have been alerted for possible use as reinforcements.

"No disaffection in other Constabulary units has been reported. Police and Constabulary units have co-operated admirably.

"Later reports from Yosu and Suncheon state that last night rioters were carrying red flags and singing the Red Flag Song. "A number of Korean officials are confident that the revolt was caused principally by a dissident cell of Constabulary men, who used projected service on Chien Do as an excuse for the revolt and who were later joined by civilian Communists who were quick to exploit the disorder. Officials also are confident that they are able to control the situation.

"The rebel groups are withdrawing south of Kyung."—United Press.

Israeli Take Base, Accept Cease-Fire

Tel Aviv, October 21.

Israeli Desert Rats today captured Beersheba, Egypt's chief base in the Holy Land, a few minutes before Israel's official acceptance of the United Nations' cease-fire in the Negev region of Southern Palestine was despatched to Paris through the UN mission here.

Lieutenant Colonel Moshe Perlman announced the Cabinet had met to draft its acceptance of the UN Security Council's order to cease fire. He said the acceptance would probably be cabled to the United Nations meeting in Paris today.

Meanwhile, Israeli troops held firm to the positions gained in the short-lived campaign against the Egyptians in Southern Palestine in the hope of influencing UN decisions on final disposition of the area.

It was reliably reported that Arabs are fleeing en masse from the area south of Bethlehem.

Almost the entire population of Bat Natif has fled to the North, possibly fearing retaliation for their January attack on Kfar Etzion, where 35 Jews, most of them American students, were killed.—United Press.

Govt Forces Said Entering Chinchow

Nanking, October 21.

Government forces were reported today to have smashed into Chinchow, scoring an important initial success in their intensified counter-offensive to reopen the strategic Manchurian corridor.

Pro-Government reports, without giving details said the Nationalists entered Chinchow—which was lost to the Communists last week—after they broke through Communist interception 15 miles to the South East.

This success is said to have narrowed the gap separating the Southern and Northern Government columns moving southwards from Hsinlin. The columns are about to effect a junction near Hsinlin, 15 miles southeast of Hsinlin. Reports said the Government is throwing all its available forces into the counter-offensive for the reopening of the Chinchow corridor on which hangs the question whether the Government will be able to maintain its hotly contested foothold in Manchuria.

New reinforcements, reported to include one new division trained in Taiwan with American military advice, are streaming into Hsinlin, Manchurian supply port.

Last Ditch Fight

Meanwhile, the military spokesman, at a press conference today, said the Government's New Seventh Army under General Cheng Tung-kuo has barricaded itself in the central tower in Changchun for a last ditch fight against the Communists. The spokesman said that according to a radio message received from General Cheng at 6

China Backs UN, Tong Reiterates

Nanking, October 21.

Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Director of the Chinese Government Information Office, in a United Nations Day message today, pledged continued unqualified Chinese support to the United Nations and all its constructive affiliate organizations.

"China's unqualified backing will be behind every sound programme for implementing and strengthening purposes of this inspired organization," Dr. Tong said.

"The three-year career of the United Nations has been filled with both hope and disappointment. There has been hope arising from the courageous intervention of the United Nations in specific situations where is forestalled a conflict.

"Disappointment has come from the persisting deadlock between two great groups in the Council and Assembly which casts an uncertain shadow upon the future. It is the wish of all sincere friends of the United Nations that this deadlock may be resolved during the coming years.

"China's attitude always are decisions for evaluation and reflection. The great hazard of all post international undertakings, from Locarno to Munich, has been that they have aroused excessive promise and the resultant disillusionment.

"There should not be such wishful thinking about the United Nations. As realists we must recognize the existence of the United Nations as a non-insurance of Utopia.

"But the lesson of this anniversary is that the United Nations yet stands as the world's one best hope in this period of uncertainty."

He concluded that China has made elaborate plans for joining the celebration of the United Nations Day on October 24.—United Press.

COMPROMISE POSSIBLE IN BERLIN DISPUTE

Paris, October 21.

The three Western Powers, who have decided to withdraw their condemnation of Russia as a threat to peace if the Berlin blockade is lifted, accepted the small-nation formula today as a hopeful basis for solving the Berlin crisis.

Reports said the six so-called neutral nations of the Security Council have drafted a resolution on Berlin which amounts to a compromise and offers both sides a way out.

Hopes for some sort of settlement short of a formal United Nations denunciation of Russia rose as it was also reported that the Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, had asked for a copy of the resolution.

It was understood he wished to send the compromise solution to Moscow before the Security Council meets tomorrow for the final showdown vote on the Berlin crisis.

The compromise, which is still subject to revision, was understood to contain three positive points:

1. Unconditional lifting of the Soviet blockade of Berlin.
2. New Four-Power talks on the Berlin currency, possibly starting simultaneously with the lifting of the blockade.

New Meeting
3. A new Council of Foreign Ministers meeting on Germany, probably to start after the blockade is lifted and the Berlin currency problem settled.

The compromise was worked out in several talks between the chairman of the Security Council, Mr. Juan Bramuglia of Argentina, and Mr. Vyshinsky.

These talks indicated there was a possibility, however slight, that a break in the dilemma was possible. With this indication the Western Powers gave up their insistence that Russia must be condemned before the world as a threat to peace.

One Western diplomat said: "We want the blockade lifted and we are not desecrating the rubble of the Soviet Union. If there is any way to get the blockade lifted, it is that which is a threat to peace."

Because this is the new Western attitude, it was reliably reported that the resolution of the neutral nations would be worded positively rather than negatively.

Emphasis would be placed on the lifting of the blockade now rather than on condemnation of Russia for imposing it in the first place.—United Press.

SHE'S GOT HIM THAT WAY!

Long Beach, October 21.

The police today asked Rudolphus Hill, 23-year-old negro sailor, if he wanted to prosecute his girl friend who smashed a beer bottle over his head because he caught him talking to another girl.

The sailor, who was in hospital getting 17 stitches in his scalp, replied: "No sah. I expect women to be this way."—United Press.

Reds Blamed For Economic Crisis

Nanking, October 21.

The Premier, Mr. Wong Wen-hao, declared last night that the Communists were responsible for the present economic crisis and urged more American aid to stabilize the economy and succour the people.

He said that in their economic warfare the Communists have deliberately raised the prices of foodstuffs, causing violent repercussions on an otherwise stabilized market, and because of the Communist-instigated purchases, both Peiping and Tientsin were facing an acute shortage of food supplies.

Mr. Wong stated that in the midst of this economic struggle, the Chinese Government gives the United States aid, will be in a better position to cope with the situation.

In a statement commenting on suggestions by Mr. Roger Lapham for more and longer-range aid to China, the Premier said that Mr. Lapham's views "are entirely in accord with China's actual needs, and the Chinese people all feel grateful to him."

"What I particularly want China's friends to know is that there is going on in China today not only a military action, but also an economic struggle," Mr. Wong declared.

Following her recent currency reform, confidence in Gold Yuan notes was general and as a result the market became stable almost overnight, he said.

On the other hand, the Premier said, the Communists have step-

Russia Rejects French Plan

Paris, October 21.

Russia today rejected a French proposal for a machinery of control when the United Nations Political Sub-Committee debated the Soviet proposal for a one-third cut in big power armaments.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Russian delegate, giving his reasons for this, said that the collection of information was not equivalent to a reduction of armaments and could not increase international security.

Mr. Paul Failla, the British delegate, appealed to Russia to help revive international confidence by abolishing the Iron Curtain and disclosing the size of her armaments. "Russia is firmly of the opinion that the disclosure of disarmament must necessarily be somewhat unreal until there is some revival of international confidence," Mr. Failla said.—Reuter.

Elissa Landi Dies Of Cancer At 43

Kingston, New York, October 21.

Miss Elissa Landi, Italian-born actress and novelist, died of cancer today at the age of 43.

Miss Landi, reported to be the grand daughter of Empress Elizabeth of Austria, died in Kingston Hospital, where she had been a patient for the past 10 days. Her illness previously had been described by her physician only as a chronic condition.

Dr. Kenneth Lefever, who announced the cause of death, said the actress never knew she had cancer.

Her condition, however, had been known to her family for nine months, he said. He said that her husband, Mr. Curtis Thomas, who was with her when she died, had done a wonderful job in keeping it from her.

Miss Landi was an artist of multiple facets, equally successful as motion picture and stage star, as a novelist, as a linguist, as a pianist and as a singer.

Her varied talents, combined with a subtle blonde beauty, won her praise from both dramatic and literary critics of a half dozen nations.—Associated Press.

Man Dies After 4th Floor Jump

Chan Cheung, a 51-year-old overseas Chinese from Cuba, fell from the 4th floor of the Bank of East Asia Building shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday and died from his injuries as he was being taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

Chan, who lived with his wife and daughter at 10, Union Street, Kowloon City, was said to have been in indifferent frame of mind for some time.

At the time of the tragedy he was visiting Dr. Chiu But-po on the 4th floor of the Bank of East Asia Building.

Eye-witnesses could not say whether he jumped or fell from the floor to the alleyway below.

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Princess Says It Will Be A Boy

London, October 21.

Princess Elizabeth, Heiress Presumptive to the British Throne, says she expects a boy, Buckingham Palace announced today.

Nobody but Princess Elizabeth will be permitted to see the Royal baby unless they wear sterile hospital masks. The child's welfare will be carefully guarded by science.

There will be no nursery in Buckingham Palace but before the child is three months old it will be taken to the Windlesham Moor country home prepared for the Royal couple. The nursery there is in blue and white.

Many of Princess Elizabeth's childhood joys, a wicker musical chair, a singing bird in a gilded cage and a collection of fluffy stuffed animals have already been sent to Windlesham.

The baby will sleep, even at Buckingham Palace, in the century-old crib which Princess Elizabeth used. It was rediscovered recently in the attic at the Royal Lodge at Windsor and reconditioned. The baby will be nursed in the old pram that belonged to Princess Margaret. Reconditioned, it is painted a royal blue and upholstered in ivory leather.

The child and its mother are expected to remain at Buckingham Palace until the christening, which will certainly be before the King and Queen and Princess

Christening

The baby will be christened in the family christening robe, first worn by Queen Victoria. It is a long gown of cream lace which has been worn by all Royal babies at christenings for years.

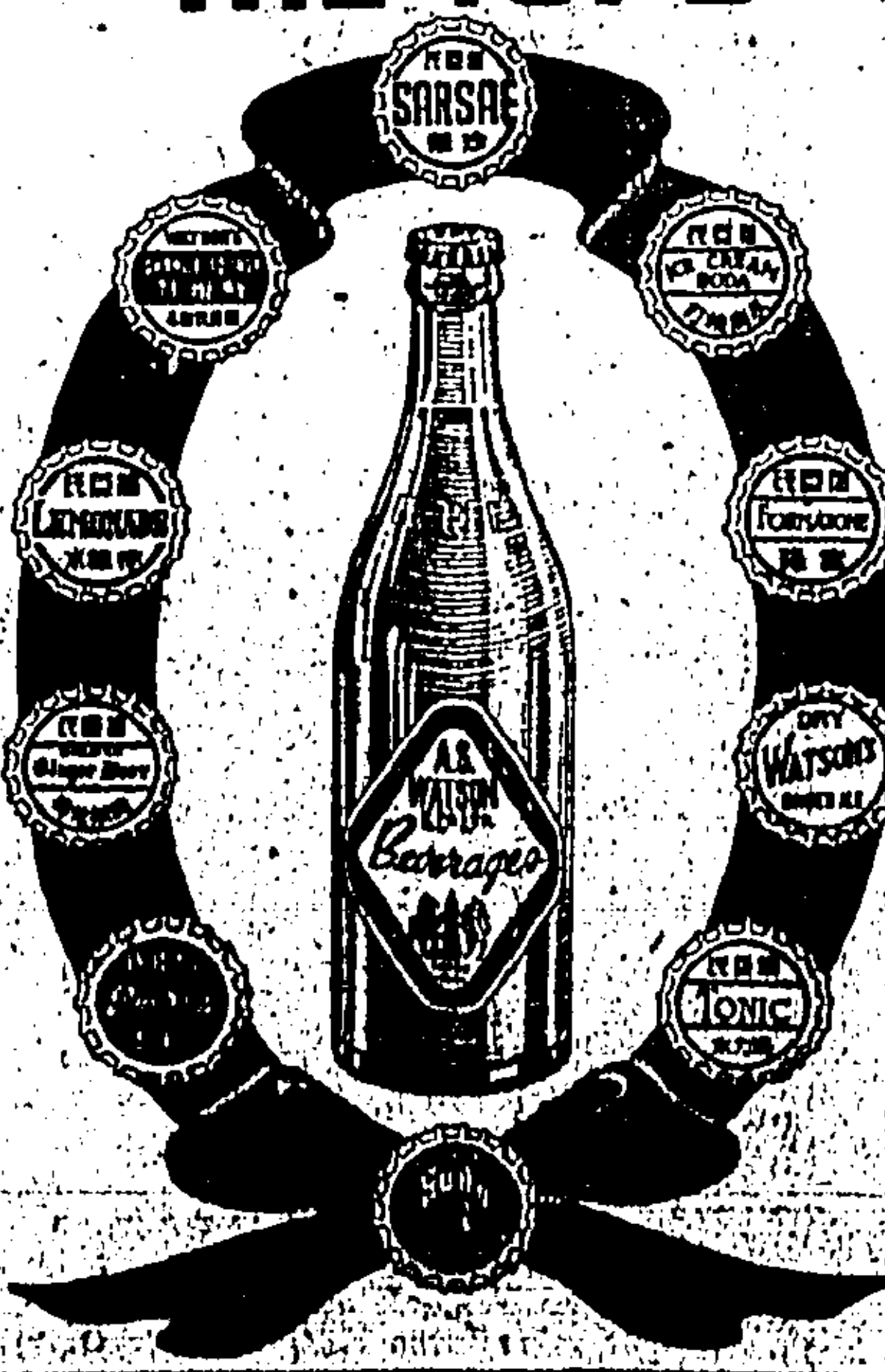
The ceremony will take place in the chapel at Buckingham Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury, who also officiated at Elizabeth's wedding a year ago, officiating.

If Princess Elizabeth's hunch is right and the baby is a boy, he almost certainly will have his father's name—Phillip. The Princess is a devoted wife. She has been quoted as saying that what ever sex the child may be, she hopes it looks like her handsome husband.

If a boy he may be known as George because of the devotion of the Royal Family to King George V of whom Elizabeth was favoured daughter and Andrew, David and Patrick after the Patron Saints of the British Isles.

If the baby is a girl, this is expected to be named Elizabeth, with Mary as the second name. Honours: the Princess's mother and grandmother.—United Press.

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Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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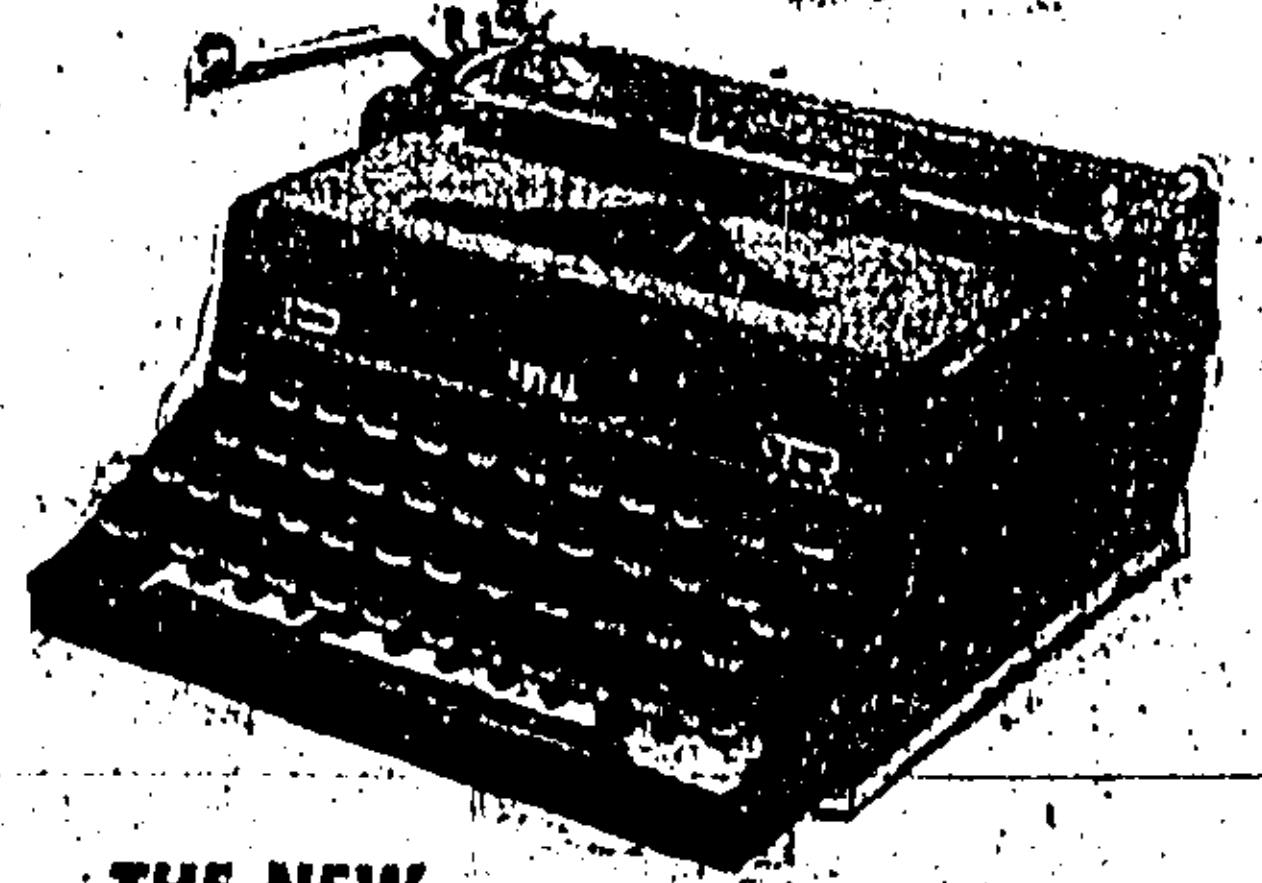
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PWD LARCENY CASE HEARING CONTINUES

That a Government-owned electric ceiling fan, issued from the Wanchai Electrical Workshop of the Public Works Department on May 13, was installed in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was the gist of evidence given by five witnesses at the continued hearing of the PWD Larceny Case at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendants, arraigned on 12 charges of conspiracy, fraudulent conversion of Government material, and falsification of documents, are Kwok Kwong, foreman at the Hung Hom Workshops; Austin Spary, Grade I Electrical engineer; and Arthur Frederick May, Grade I electrical engineer.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada, Remedios is defending the first accused; Mr. V. L. d'Alton, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, the second; and Mr. J. C. Stewart, May, Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Inspector J. Johnston, is the prosecutor.

Le Hang, electrician 119, testified to having been with Ho Cheung (a witness at the last hearing on October 12) for five weeks at the Kai Tak Airfield's telegraph station, on the instructions of Ngai Pui. He further corroborated his evidence regarding work done at the Cathay Pacific Airways at Kai Tak, and to having been issued with materials from the Hung Hom Workshop.

They were also working at the Kai Tak administration building from May 10 to 29, and started on the Cathay Joy on June 4. They were back at Kai Tak from June 28 to 30 working at the control tower, after a job at the Airfield Hotel on June 13 to 16. Witness said that he was not assigned to work at the Rural Training School, the temporary vegetable market, Government office quarters, Kowloon Hospital, Arlington Hotel (June 19-22), Kowloon-Canton Railway, Arlington Hotel (June 25-26), Gov-

ernment office quarters (July 1), control tower (July 2-10, 17, and 19-23), Castle Peak and Kai Tak Police Station (July 12), and temporary vegetable market on July 13.

Wong Chuen, co-accused 325 in the Hung Hom Workshop, said that he was with Kwok Kwong in May this year to Wanchai to bring back 10 fluorescent lamps. He went with Wai Tat and, when they got back to Hung Hom, put the lamps on a shelf in the workshop for Kwok to check.

Removed 10 Lamps
A few days later, said witness, he removed about 10 lamps to the Cathay Pacific Airways at Kai Tak, accompanied by Ngai Pui and Lo Hang. He could not say whether those lamps were the same as those he brought over from Hong Kong, as he did not remove them from the shelf but only put them on to the lorry.

On another day in the same month, he was told by Kwok to go to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club to change the positions of some ceiling fans. He was also sent to a house at Nathan Road near the Majestic Theatre with three lamp shades. He saw Mr. Spary and two European women in the house.

When sent to the Wanchai Workshop for materials he was sometimes given a slip of paper, and sometimes given the store book, said Wai Tat, co-accused 318, attached to the Hung Hom Workshop. Witness then went on to corroborate the evidence of the previous witness regarding the 10 fluorescent lamps and to testify to having been instructed to take to Wanchai for two electrical ceiling fans.

Another Yiu Cheung, another co-accused at Hung Hom, had testified to having gone to fetch the fans. He said that he had been in the PWD since 1936, and in his present position since March, 1947. Witness also claimed to be an expert in making fans.

Ceiling Fan Identified
He was one day taken by the police to the Kowloon Bowling Green where, among a number of ceiling fans, he identified one as one of the two issued by him at Hong Kong on May 13. He recognized the fan, said witness, because of the painting done on it in his workshop.

The fan returned by Hung Hom was replaced in stock and an entry made to that effect by his assistant, Chui Wing-shum. Asked by Mr. Hooton whether the two fans in court were those issued by his workshop, witness replied in the affirmative.

On being referred to his rough record book, where the numbers of the two fans were given as 273410 and 273455, witness said that the last number was a mistake. His clerk has very bad eye-sight, said witness, and mistook the "3" for "5". Ng said that he was definite that the two fans were Government property.

Witness went on to say he was given a new electric clock and a paper sketch by Spary in June, and was told to make a bigger size stated was two feet square. The job being completed, he said the clock over to the Hung Hom Workshop, and the next time he saw it was at the Kowloon Cricket Club. Workmen were putting it up when he went to the KCC with Spary, and the clock was still there today (October 21).

Chui Wing-shum, charge-man at the Wanchai Workshop, admitted having entered the rough stock book and stated that the number 273455 was entered in error for 273433. At the time he looked for the number, said witness, it was painted over and it was most difficult for his bad eyes to distinguish it. He recognized the fan because he had cleaned the motor.

Further evidence in these criminal proceedings will be taken today, commencing at 9 a.m.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. A. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Smith, Mrs. O. E. Freeman, Mrs. E. Schellhas, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Deutsch, Mr. and Mrs. C. Turner, Mrs. C. Sanford, Mrs. V. Osborne, Mrs. W. A. Sigel, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Picazo, Mrs. C. P. Laird, Mrs. J. Barbo, L. J. Blum, H. Holman, A. Minney, Mr. Noel, L. de Leon, T. M. Harvey, R. S. Paulson, and F. Rosenberg.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Deuman, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Chambers, Mr. P. Long, Mrs. H. Gundersen, Mrs. E. C. Chung, E. C. Matthews, R. L. Bower, J. V. Sellers, J. Brendine, Shing Lee, H. Wrigley, R. J. L. Schmitt, and A. Dabrowski.



The Chinese Maritime Customs will start operating in Hong Kong, under the China-Hong Kong Customs Pact, next week. The Chinese Customs will establish station on the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's wharf at West Point, at Yau-mat and at Tai-po. The station at Yau-mat will be on a Customs launch. It has already been fitted out to accommodate offices and quarters. It will be moored off Yau-mat. Photo above shows the launch. (China Mail Photo.)

2 Women In Beauty Parlor Fight

The story of a hair-do that materialised into a fight between two women was related by Inspector J. Orem when the hair-dresser and her customer-to-be were charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with disorderly conduct.

Tam Chun, 27-year-old hair-dresser, was brought before the court with her outer jacket torn. Chung Kiu, 30-year-old married woman, surrendered to her bond and was in court with a black eye.

Inspector Orem said that the second accused went to the first defendant at 9.45 a.m. on October 20 to have her hair combed. As Tam was busy at the time, she was told to wait a few minutes. Instead of doing so, Chung went over to the first woman and was berated by the first woman for giving her custom to someone else. A quarrel started, both lost their tempers and a battle royal resulted.

Tam, in a statement from the dock, said that when she went to ask Chung why she did not wait, she was sworn at by the second accused, who used the most filthy language to her. Chung, alleged Tam, then tore her jacket and her outer trousers, and bit her on two fingers.

In the subsequent struggle, said Tam, she pushed Chung who fell against something and bruised her right eye.

Chung, who had been talking during the whole of the proceedings, was told by the court to look over in the stir of the case to be of good behaviour for a year.

Shopkeepers Fined For Over Charging

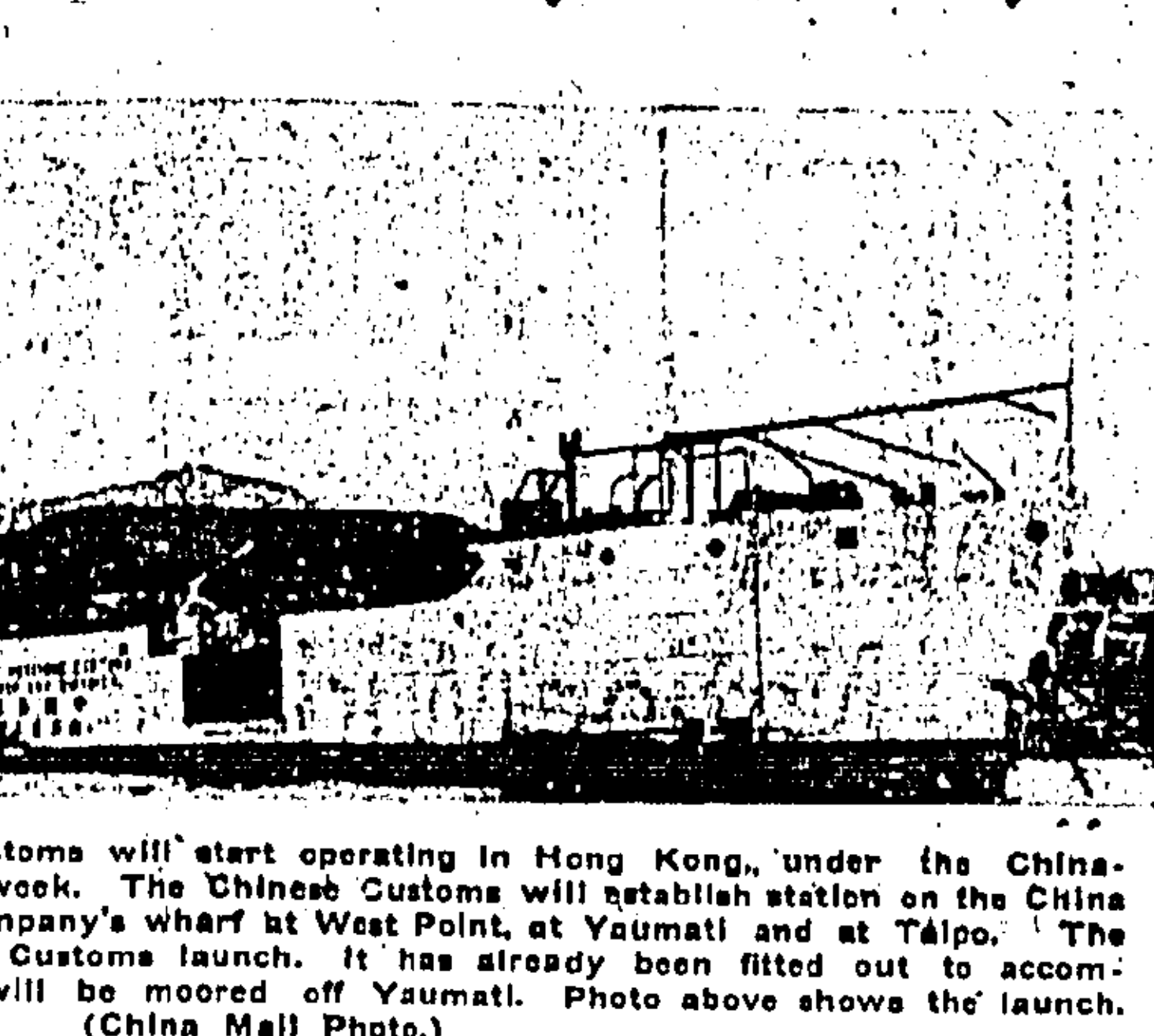
Fifteen shopkeepers were summoned before Mr. J. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday for selling above controlled prices.

Yeung Cho, the proprietor of the K.C.P. Provision and Book Shop at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station, was fined \$225 for selling a one-pound tin of Ovaltine for HK\$5.50, 30 cents more than the controlled price and for not attaching a price tag to the commodity on display.

For selling a one-pound tin of Nestle's Milk 50 cents above the controlled price and for having no price tag, Chan Fat, proprietor of Shing Fat Coffee Shop, 3 Lo Loong Hang, was fined \$225.

Fines ranging from \$75 to \$175 were imposed for similar offences on Shun Loong Hardware Shop, 350 Shanghai Street, Lee On Ho, 269 Shanghai Street, Kin Shing Grocery and Provisions, 28 Bowling Street, Pak Chun Store, 347 Nathan Road, Bo King On, 980 Canton Road, Chung Kong, 199 Tai Nam Street, Kwong Yung Tong, 80 Jordan Road, Chung's Street, 85 Austin Road, Wing Shing Electric Shop, 177 Woosung Road, Chun Wai, 260 Lanchukok Road, Hon Kong Electric Shop, 24 Pilgrim Street, and Man Sang, 208 Ma Tau Wai Road.

Chinese Customs Launch Gets Ready For Duty



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Tramway Conspiracy Case At Central

Arguments by both the prosecution and defence as to whether the defence should be furnished with the names of all co-conspirators was submitted by counsels before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when the hearing of the Tramway conspiracy case was continued.

Fifteen inspectors and one conductor were charged with conspiring together with others to defraud the Tramway Company of passenger fares between September last year and May this year.

Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine prosecuted on behalf of the Tramway Company and defendants were represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva and Mr. P. C. Woo.

The hearing yesterday started with Mr. Silva making a lengthy submission in which he insisted that the prosecution furnish the defence with the names of each and every co-conspirator.

In support of his submissions he quoted from Archibald's Campbell's, Roscoe's and the Times Law Report and in each of these he said the prosecution was obliged to do so.

Mr. Clifford also quoted his authority wherein he said he was not obliged to furnish the names, but in order not to delay the proceedings he would be only too glad to do so if the magistrate orders it.

Gives Evidence

Resuming his evidence in chief, Cheung San mentioned the various meetings he had with other inspectors and said the first meeting took place at the San Man Yuen Restaurant.

At this meeting, he said, six other inspectors attended besides him and he gave their names. At that meeting it was decided to change the manner of making collections and a suggestion proposed by one of the inspectors that a "big company" be formed. This was agreed by all present.

The object of the formation of this "big company" was that all money collected from the conductors be pooled and equally divided amongst the inspectors. Asked as to how conductors made their money to pay the inspectors, he replied that conductors would collect back from passengers the old tickets and resell them to new passengers.

While the "big company" lasted, all the inspectors went to the residence of Ng Ping-kuen to collect their shares, and admit that he himself was one of the recipients.

The second meeting was held at the Yuen Tung Kee restaurant. He said that only a few inspectors attended and that the disclosed that all the money would be collected by Conductor No. 485.

At this stage Mr. Silva interrupted and said that throughout the day's hearing there was not one instance in which a date had mentioned.

Insists On Dates
The charges, he said, had mentioned that at such and such a date and at such and such a place, and he would insist on the prosecution to name the dates.

Mr. Clifford said he would certainly give the dates and would in due course furnish them to the defence. Continuing, witness said he could not remember the dates when the various payments were made.

He pointed out to the court how each defendant was paid, some through him direct and others through one of the inspectors. He could not say whether those who were paid through other inspectors received their share or not.

Between the first and second meeting, he said there was a lapse of about three weeks. He was hurried at the stage was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on October 22.

MRS. BARRETT TO SPEAK AT YMCA
Mrs. Pauline M. Barrett, M.A. is the speaker at next Sunday's YMCA Lecture Group of the European YMCA.

Mrs. Barrett has a most fascinating story of her Radio-Work experiences in North America and Canada, where she worked for several years. Her talk, at 8.30 p.m., is entitled "Broadcasting in North America." Capt. R. D. Barrett, her husband, was originally to speak. As he will not be in the Colony, his wife has graciously consented to speak in his stead.

Beeching Addresses Rotary Club

Commander R. A. C. Beeching, RD, RNR, who was recently decorated with the American Legion of Merit (Degrée of Légionnaire), addressed Kowloon Rotary yesterday on the planning and assembly of ships for the Normandy landing in June, 1944.

The speaker, who is now Assistant Manager of Jardine Matheson's Ocean Shipping Department, was in charge of convey assembly at the time of the Normandy invasion.

The landing operation involved the commission of 6,000 ships, including six battleships, two monitors, 22 cruisers, 110 destroyers, 113 frigates and corvettes, 60 patrol craft, 300 motor launches and thousands of landing and other craft.

America supplied the ocean going vessels and Britain the monitors; 230 American Liberty ships were sent, and Britain put forward 400 monitors.

These ships had to be suitably fitted and this job fell to the Assembly Section, said Commander Beeching, in addition to finding anchorages for a large number of convoys.

A vote of thanks for the speaker was proposed by Rotarian B.T.M. Jones.

Successful Ball

Mr. F. C. Ciano, President of the Kowloon Rotary Club, said the charity ball held "Saturday last" was an unqualified success. Further contributions amounting to HK\$350 had since been received.

Greetings from Bangkok Rotary were brought by visiting Rotarian V. K. Bahl, who also donated HK\$350 to the charity ball.

Another visiting Rotarian was President D. S. Hill from Hong Kong. Guests were Mayor H. F. Foster, Captain J. D. Varley and Messrs. N. P. Smith, R. Corbett and C. A. Cunha.

President Ciano told Rotarians that the next Thursday meeting, and the last Thursday of each subsequent month, would be closed meetings confined to Rotarians only.

HEARING IN RAPE CASE RESUMED
The case against Chan Chung-yun, 48-year-old shopkeeper of 3 Shepherd Street, was resumed yesterday with the 15-year-old servant girl, who was rescued before Mr. Justice Gould (Pulano Judge) yesterday.

Additional corroborative evidence was brought up by several witnesses for the prosecution after which hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Mr. A. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector G. E. Willerton, prosecuted.

Reminders

Today
Services Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
H.K. Light Orchestra Rehearsal, 27B Robinson Rd, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong Chamber Music Club, 50, Macdonnell House, 9.30 p.m.
Charity Dinner Dance by Business Girls Club of YMCA, The Griggs, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
League Football Matches, Lehigh Cricket, CCC, KCC, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, H.K. Club, Talbot House, 10, Macdonnell Road, 4.45 p.m.
Talk on "Broadcasting in North America" by Mrs. P. Barrett, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

MONDAY
Crown Land Sales, PWD Office, 8 p.m.
Society of St. George Extraordinary General meeting & Annual general meeting, Jockey Club, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
H.K. Light Orchestra Rehearsal, 27B Robinson Rd, 8 p.m.

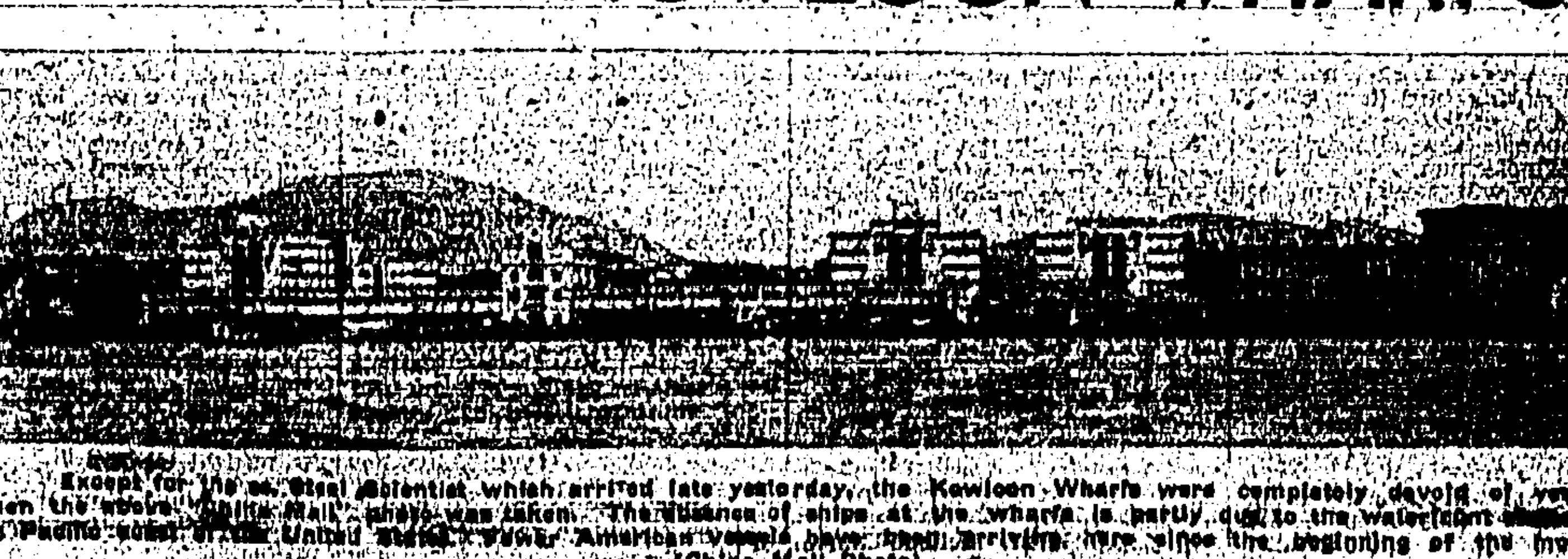
WEDNESDAY
Discussion in Hong Kong YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

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DESERTED KOWLOON WHARVES



Except for the few small boats which arrived late yesterday, the Kowloon Wharves were completely devoid of vessels when the water level was low. The absence of ships at the wharves is partly due to the water level being low, and partly to the fact that the wharves have since been deserted by the month. (China Mail Photo.)

STI SHOWS CREDIT OF \$40,822,513

A net credit of HK\$40,822,513.20 was shown in 15 Suspense Accounts of the Hong Kong Government at the end of the 1946-47 financial year relating to financial transactions of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry.

None of the balances of these accounts was, however, reconciled with the departmental records kept by the S.T. and I. Department at March 31, 1947.

This disclosure is included in the Report of the Director of Audit, Hong Kong, on the audit of the accounts of Hong Kong for the financial period ended March 31, 1947.

Throughout the Report, the Director of Audit refers to unsatisfactory accounts kept by different governmental departments, misallocations, public funds spent without prior and proper approval, and contracts entered into without calling for public tenders.

Referring to the Suspense Accounts Section of the Report, the Director of Audit said that none of the Suspense Accounts operated by the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry had been approved by the Secretary of State.

He added that an examination of the Suspense Accounts operated by the S.T. and I. Department showed that receipts over the period under review totalled HK\$170,001,305.71 and payments HK\$129,208,822.51.

Exceeded Total

The total payments made on the authority of the Director of the Department exceeded by more than HK\$13,000,000 the total voted expenditure (including Loan expenditure) of the Colony for the period ended March 31, 1947.

The Report said that the view has been expressed by the Audit Department that it is clearly unsatisfactory that the expenditure of public funds by the S.T. and I. Department should not be subject to control by the Legislature, nor receive the approval of the Secretary of State.

The Report added that attention has been drawn to the equally undesirable corollary that expenditure is met from surplus balances and receipts added thereto, the extent and nature of the financial transactions of the S.T. and I. Department are not detailed in the published accounts of the Colony.

It was brought to the notice of Government that the Accounting General had advised that none of the balances in the suspense Accounts concerned were reconciled with the departmental records kept by the S.T. and I. Department at March 31, 1947, added the Report.

Commercial Concern

The S.T. and I. Department was authorised by the Governor to be run as a commercial concern when it was formed on the handing over of the administration by the Military Government to the Civil Government on May 1, 1946.

The Director, said the Report, was given considerable latitude in the administration of the Department and the normal regulations for financial control were, to all intents and purposes, dispensed with, although the authority of the Secretary of State and the Legislature do not appear to have been sought for these arrangements.

In this connection, added the Report, no covering authority appears to have been obtained from the Secretary of State or the Legislature, where necessary, for the following matters affecting expenditure of public funds by the S.T. and I. Department from May 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947:—

Overhaul Of Liner

The 8,980-ton Dutch liner, ss Boissevain, is now undergoing a complete overhaul at the Kowloon Docks. She is expected to sail for South America in the middle of next month.

While in dry dock, the vessel will have her accommodation increased and re-adjusted. Nineteen new first-class berths will be installed, giving the vessel accommodation for 104 first-class passengers.

Ten new second-class berths will also be added to give the

The discretionary authority allowed the Director for recruitment of, and salaries paid to, temporary staff.

Without Remuneration

Authority for the employment of a Director without remuneration and certain other officers on a part time basis; covering authority for the supply of services to be arranged otherwise than by tender through the Tender Board;

The authority of the Director to exchange four and a half per cent of the public for other rice and for financial losses on such exchanges to be borne by public funds;

The authority for Government to undertake the financing of trade between Hong Kong and Japan through the medium of a "two-way" account with the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan, in accordance with the terms of the varying arrangements made over the period from December 1945 to date;

The authority for the amount which may be owed to or by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan through the "two-way" account and for the appropriation of public funds involved in the accumulation of balances owing by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan;

The Director of Audit added that a detailed report on the financial operations and accounting methods of the Supplies, Trade and Industry Department has been forwarded to the Director-General of Colonial Audit. A copy was sent to the Colonial Secretary for his information.

This report also deals with other points affecting the accounts for the years 1947-48 and 1948-49, added the Director of Audit.

Mr. Powers In Colony

Interesting to the world of commerce is the arrival today by CNAC from Formosa of Mr. William J. Powers of Frazar & Company Inc., New York.

This firm has been international traders since 1834, and before the war had branches in North China and Japan.

Mr. Powers has been connected with Frazar & Company Inc. for the past 20 years and is now Vice-President. He is visiting the Far East to further business relations between the United States and China.

Frazar & Company, Inc., are represented here and in South China and Formosa by George Lin & Company.

BRIDGE HOUSE TRIAL TO START ON MONDAY

The Shanghai Bridge House War Crimes Trial will commence on Monday at 10 a.m. at Lyemun Barracks.

Lieutenant-General Kinoshita Eiichi and Sergeant Yoshida Bunzo, of the former Imperial Japanese Army, will be charged with three specific war crimes.

Both men will be accused of having been concerned in the ill-treatment of John Martin Watson, William Hutton, and Hans Rechlin, causing them physical suffering and resulting in the death of William Hutton.

Kinoshita will be further accused of having been concerned in the ill-treatment of the Reverend W.H. Hudspeth, Chinese civilian resident of Shanghai who has since died.

A third charge against Kinoshita concerns the ill-treatment of the Reverend W.H. Hudspeth, Chinese civilian resident of Shanghai who has since died.

The two accused will be defended by Mr. Kakehi Masuo, barrister-at-law of Tokyo. He will be assisted by a Defence Advisory Office Captain W.L. Harries of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Major D. Clague of the Royal Artillery will prosecute. Witnesses for the prosecution include 10 from Shanghai and between one and four from Hong Kong.

The War Crimes Court will comprise Lieutenant Colonel L.A. Masello, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers (President), and Major B.H. Craig of The Buffs, and Captain H.M. McLeod-Murray of the Middlesex Regiment (Members).

Film Magnate Welcomed



Motion picture circles in Hong Kong gave Mr. Alex Frieder (left) a cordial welcome yesterday on his arrival from Manila by Pan American Airways plane.

Mr. Frieder, who is President of Frieder Films of the Philippines and the U.S.A. and a member of the Board of Directors of Republic Pictures Inc., U.S.A., is on a visit to his Far East offices, and his stay in the Colony is for only a few days.

Continuing his tour Mr. Frieder will be next visiting Singapore, Bangkok and Batavia.

Alleged Armed Robber Arraigned

Ng Chi-loung alias Ngau Wan alias Li Wan was arraigned before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) and a jury comprising four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, charged with two counts of armed robbery and demanding money with menaces.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Assistant Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector W. J. Wall, conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that the complainants were fishermen who were sometimes engaged in the transport of rice from Chinese territory to the New Territories. On April 5, Hui Muk-kee one of the complainants, was approached by accused, who demanded the sum of \$10 from him as "protection money". This amount was paid by Hui, who received in return, a "protection chit".

On April 9, Hui was on his way from Chinese territory to Un Long with 300 catties of rice and some 20 piculs of unhusked rice belonging to one Tam Yat-kwong, who was travelling on the junk. Hui had just reached a spot about a mile off Chinese territory when he was approached by the accused, who demanded the sum of \$10 from him as "protection money". Hui would say that accused was one of these men.

Give Up Rice

Some of the men in this boat boarded Hui's junk and demanded that he and his passenger give up their rice. Shortly afterwards, a larger boat came up alongside Hui's junk. All the rice on Hui's junk was transferred to this larger boat.

Hui was forced into the hold of his own junk and told to remain there all day. When he came on deck again at about 10 p.m. the larger boat had already gone.

The occupants of the smaller boat, who were still on Hui's junk, told him to proceed to Chinese territory and he did so. Two of the passengers on Hui's junk were taken on board the smaller boat, which proceeded into Chinese territory.

Hui returned to Un Long, but he did not make any report to the police at that time.

The boat which accused and his associates are alleged to have used was owned by another fisherman, who was forced to give them the use of the boat and to accompany them.

Another Fisherman

Mr. Blair-Kerr went on to say that on June 14, another fisherman, who had just delivered his rice at Un Long and was returning to Chinese territory, was held up in similar circumstances. The proceeds of sale which had been received by this fisherman for the sale of his rice, namely \$235, had been placed in a belt. This belt was stolen by the robbers who boarded his junk, as also was a suit of clothing.

On August 23, accused was arrested in the streets of Un Long, on information given to the police. Three identification parades were held and accused was identified as one of the robbers who had boarded the two junks.

After corroborative evidence was given by several witnesses for the prosecution, the case was adjourned until today.

No Solution In Taxicab Strike; Both Sides Firm

Unless either of the parties in the month-old taxicab drivers' dispute approaches the Labour Office for intervention, there is no hope of a settlement.

Both the drivers and the managements are standing firm and are refusing to compromise. The managements have flatly refused further negotiations. The drivers are consistent in their demands that the companies, not involved in the strike, should put their taxicabs back on the roads.

A Government spokesman told the "China Mail" yesterday that the Labour Office will intervene if approached by either of the parties in the dispute.

Current rumours say that Communists are behind the drivers. Some official circles subscribe to this view. An observer of labour in the Colony, however, discarded the view.

He said that he has so far not observed any signs of Communist leadership or directorship in the drivers' dispute.

Economic Factors

He added that the demands by the drivers are based on economic factors. The drivers, he said, have not shown any indication of a laid down policy—no emphasis on policy.

To give an example of this lack of central policy, the observer said, that according to reports which have not been denied, the drivers' association blamed the owners for taking the vehicles off the roads.

He said that it was obvious that the owners would take the cars off the road in the event of a go-slow strike by the drivers. No intelligent Communist would have blamed the owners as he would have foreseen the consequences of a go-slow strike, he added.

The observer admitted the possibility that some of taxicab drivers adhere to Communist Party policy. He, however, could not entertain the view that the drivers were being directed by Communists.

Seventy-six drivers of the Star Taxicab Company struck work on September 21 following rejection of their demand for a wage increase from HK\$5 to HK\$8, and other privileges.

Go-Slow Strike

The drivers of the other seven taxicab companies carried out a go-slow strike which, according to the owners, reduced the average daily takings in some cases by 50 per cent. The men were warned to drop the go-slow strike. On September 22, the owners withdrew their cars from the roads.

The strike and withdrawal of the vehicles from the road affects the livelihood of between 600 and 800 drivers. Other organisations subscribed to a fund to purchase foodstuffs for the drivers. Transport employees also organised a Dollar Fund in aid of the men. Since the strike, a month ago, trucks have been used to dis-

Hearing Before Tenancy Tribunal

Hearing was resumed before Mr. Percy Chen at the Supreme Court Tenancy Tribunal yesterday of the application for an eviction order against the occupants of 404, Des Voeux Road, West, upon which site an eight-story building project is planned by the applicant.

Barquentine Returns

Leaving Hong Kong on October 10 for Vladivostok, the 41-ton Soviet barquentine, Sektan, got only as far as Swatow.

She returned to Hong Kong on Tuesday night for engine repairs.

Commanded by Mr. G. Rothenko, the craft belongs to the Fisheries Ministry of the Soviet. It is being used for training cadets for the Fisheries Ministry.

The Sektan first reached Hong Kong about two months ago on a "breaking in" voyage from Vladivostok. The all-Soviet crew numbers 31.

The barquentine developed engine trouble at Swatow while on her return to Vladivostok. Repairs could not be made at the Chinese coastal port, forcing the master of the craft to return to Hong Kong.

The local agents for the craft, Waller and Company, told the "China Mail" yesterday that they do not know how long it will take to complete the repairs.

The ship has a 220-horse-power engine.

The luxury yacht, Lanikai II, is also still in Hong Kong. On her voyage to Yokohama, the yacht was forced back out by engine trouble, and twice by bad weather.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada represented the applicant, Liu Po-phan of 128 Wing Lok Street.

The opponent, Chung Hing-wai, was represented by Mr. Charles Loschy.

Cross-examined by Mr. A.H. Basto, architect in charge of the building project, disclosed that the applicant had the intention of constructing a 15-story building at Causeway Bay in addition to a theatre and a few shops.

As regards the site at 404 Des Voeux Road, West, Mr. Basto said that Mr. Basto had no right to construct a building on the site in question. Mr. Basto replied that he had simply followed instructions. These he received in December, 1947.

The place at Causeway Bay was an ideal site for residential purposes, continued Mr. Basto. An inspection of the site had shown that it was still occupied by an amusement park and some other people, and that this site was covered by walls.

The completion of the buildings at Causeway Bay would, cost about HK\$1,000,000.

Asked by Mr. Loschy if he thought the present building at 404 Des Voeux Road, West, was unsafe, Mr. Basto stated that he could not say it was absolutely unsafe, but that there was a possibility of the cracks widening on the wall and the trusses holding the roof being in as a result of a typhoon or continuous rain-fall.

After further cross-examination by Mr. Basto and the applicant's hearing was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on November 3 and 4.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Culty Dairy Company Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its Register of Members, under Section 12 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947 and Section 3 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) (Amendment) Ordinance 1948.

The statutory declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto (being lists of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company) can be inspected, on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Courts of Justice, Hong Kong. A copy of the statutory declaration and the exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office, during ordinary working hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company must notify the Company of their FULL NAMES and ADDRESSES, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based WITHIN THREE MONTHS from the 16th day of October, 1948.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Transfer Deeds (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office if they have not already done so. Shareholders who have lost their Scrip are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of their holding and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to any further evidence required.

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ART EXHIBITION

Paintings in Water Colour by Mr. D. R. Bland to be held in St. John Hall, Monday 28th Oct. from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday 29th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday 29th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission Free.

VISIT OF B.O.A.C. SALES CHIEF, EASTERN DIVISION

Mr. J. S. Thurman, Sales Superintendent of Eastern Division, British Overseas Airways Corporation, arrived in Hong Kong from Singapore and Bangkok on Thursday evening, October 21, for sales research and discussions in Hong Kong and Shanghai, having spent a week in each of Australia, Dutch East Indies and Singapore in consultation with B.O.A.C. and Q.E.A. officials.

Mr. Thurman is particularly interested in developing round-the-world traffic, which B.O.A.C. offers in conjunction with Northwest Airlines and Philippine Airlines, and also in making more widely known the world-wide coverage offered by B.O.A.C. for the carriage of both passengers and freight.

While there have been very great increases recently in the carriage of freight by B.O.A.C., manufacturers and business houses are not yet fully aware of the advantages which they can gain by sending their products by air.

NOTICE MACKINTOSH'S LIMITED COMPANIES (RECONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS) ORDINANCE, 1947

The above Company has during 1941-1945 lost its Memorandum of Association and is unable to secure a copy thereof and it is accordingly proposed to adopt a new Memorandum pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the above-mentioned Ordinance. A copy of such proposed new Memorandum may be inspected at the Company's registered office, 7, Des Voeux Road, Central, by any member or creditor of the Company during usual business hours. If any person, firm or corporation has any objections to such proposed new Memorandum, the nature of such objections should be stated briefly in writing and before the 12th day of November, 1948, filed with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with an address for service within the Colony of such person, firm or corporation objecting.

Dated 22nd October, 1948. R. F. K. JONES, Secretary.

NOTICE

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERS

It is hereby notified that Monday, October 18, and Tuesday, October 19, 1948, have been declared Weather-non-working days.

J. JOLLY Director of Marine. Marine Department, Hong Kong, October 20, 1948.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that Mr. Charles John Smith has been appointed Secretary of our Firm with powers to sign as such on our behalf.

A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD. 712 Marina House, Hong Kong, October 20, 1948.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that Mr. Carl Peder Nissen has rejoined us as Manager of our firm with powers to sign as such on our behalf.

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ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

Xmas Cards will be ready for collection at the Yacht Club at Noon on Saturday, October 23, 1948.

CORRESPONDENCE

Society Responsible

Sir,—Having read with great interest the correspondence started by John Ward on the evils of prostitution in Hong Kong, I feel that this gentleman is but a newcomer to the Colony, and has not yet had time to do more than examine very superficially this question.

While he very kindly informs us that the Serviceman is responsible for dragging all these unfortunate girls down into the gutter, he very conveniently forgets that they must have been pushed very hard by other people in the beginning. While the serviceman has of necessity to drive his bargains in the open, the civilian who "hides his light under a bushel" or perhaps more aptly "hides his light-of-love under a private roof" is overlooked. Since to anyone of any sense a girl does not sell her body in the first instance for a mere \$2 or \$3 as the first step in her career, it is apparent that someone with the odd \$100 or so to spend persuaded her that a prostitute's life was a gay and profitable one. I haven't yet come across the Serviceman with much money to spend, and when I read the press reports of several incidents I can only come to the conclusion that the civilian can give these girls a damned hard shove towards the gutter. Perhaps John Ward will realize that there are as many black sheep in the Society fold as elsewhere.

Since it is only too obvious that this "racket" cannot be stopped, it can of course be controlled. Or is this too much to ask of a so-called broadminded Hong Kong? The Medical Authorities stress the fact that if a disease cannot be completely cured it can be controlled so as to prevent the least danger. The church authorities cast a blind eye on it and says it "does not exist. The Police Authorities, much to their credit, say while it shouldn't exist, it does, and they do their best to stamp it out. In the meantime we must recognize that it does exist. Since everything is affected by the laws of supply and demand, if the prostitute became scarcer, the price would go up, and naturally John Ward's mind would not be troubled by such sights as one can see every night anywhere in town. If the socially-ridden society of Hong Kong stopped indulging if they were going to be invited to Mrs. One-Step-Higher's cocktail party or to Mrs. Ten-Steps-Higher's dinner party they would be able to devote a little time to the root cause of the evil. As one correspondent puts it, the Serviceman needs a passport to Heaven, a civil servant needs a respectable before he is allowed to pass the time of day with Mrs. One-Step-Higher. The average Serviceman doesn't want to spend his nights in Wanchai. All he needs is something to relieve the austerity of Service life and if Mrs. One-Step-Higher is afraid to take to him then she doesn't deserve to move one rung up the ladder. After all, he is here to help her keep on the ladder if anything happens.

Going back to John Ward for a moment, while the Serviceman is accused of helping the girl to the gutter, he fails to remember that the prostitute helped the Serviceman during the battle of Hong Kong and during the occupation by producing food and help when it was most needed. I can remember even if John Ward can't. Or does his conscience prick him, or does he talk with his tongue in his cheek?

While holding no brief for the prostitute, I do at least recognize that they exist and that all classes of Hong Kong society can be held partially responsible for their being here. The civilian is equally to blame for their presence, more so than the Serviceman, and I feel that statements like that made by John Ward do far more harm than good. If he won't realize that the civilian element of the Colony was responsible for their start in life, then he shouldn't blame the Serviceman until he is quite sure of his grounds.

To conclude might I quote an old proverb which I feel would bring out my point and that it "Let him that is without blemish be the first to cast a stone."

"FAIR-MINDED"

A Matter Of Relativity Sir,—While agreeing in the main with your excellent editorial of October 18, I fear that some of your remarks are a little behind the times.

Perhaps in the days before the last war a sergeant might perhaps rightly have been termed "beer-motivated", but now-a-days the sergeant cannot afford to drink to any great extent, neither can he afford to have a fuzzy head. The amount of technical knowledge that the poor sergeant has to acquire these days does not permit of too great an affection for the bottle. While I agree that there are exceptions to every rule, it is rather the exception to find a "beer-motivated" sergeant these days. Judging from some of the things that go on in this Colony, it's not only the sergeant who has a fuzzy head!

Your argument that the only common ground is a white skin is somewhat unsound and I fear you are treading on thin ice when you say this. There are among the Services these days a people of much higher classes than the spoilt, well-to-do, class-conscious woman to which you refer. Perhaps this has not been fully realized, or has the reference been made in spite of knowledge. I am sure Mrs. Class-Conscious wouldn't be happy to know that the common Serviceman might be in a higher social scale than she could ever be. Crudeness is usually a matter of relativity and propinquity. What may be crude in Hong Kong is not always crude elsewhere, and vice versa. In passing, there is more crudeness, and I might add, more rudeness, among the civil population in Hong Kong than in any other big city in the world. This, I should imagine, is due to the fact that the average civilian in Hong Kong thinks himself (or herself) well above everyone else. One would also imagine that the only places where there is roistering and whatnot is in the gin-dives. Far from it, Mr. Editor. Look around you and you will see.

If you were given the preference of spending a couple of hours in decent company or spending it in Wanchai among the fallen angels in a gin-dive, which would you do? If you answer this truthfully, you will have the answer of 99 out of every 100 servicemen in Hong Kong.

In conclusion, I can only echo the apt sentiment expressed at the end of your editorial. At least there is one man who is not afraid to place the blame more equitably on the shoulders of those who deserve it, and are fully capable of carrying their fair share of the blame.

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Goodwill And Sin Sir,—With reference to Pantagruel's letter of yesterday's date, it would appear that his letter only serves to confirm the extent in which the Cafes in Kowloon are run, and it is therefore not unreasonable for the police to purge these establishments.

It is unfortunate that the correspondent who wrote without the enlightenment afforded by these Cafes, nevertheless he should realize that whether in Hong Kong or anywhere else, the law of decency does not permit public entertainment to meet one's base nature, and that the Fleet Club and other Clubs open to servicemen would attend to that.

The impression gained seems to convey the sense that all servicemen are inclined or compelled to prostitution while overseas; this is unfair to these men in general, as not all of them are living at the age of "wildcats," a great number of them will shun these places and many of fine character—fine—friends—easily while in the Colony.

As to the plight of Cafe Manager, there is nothing to stop him from holding a Christmas party in a lawful manner. If there is no way to rejoice the coming of the Redeemer amongst men of goodwill, but in sin, hatred and quarrels SOLVED.

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CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"I like the seashore myself, Ruthie—I think a girl has a better chance to get engaged if she doesn't have to worry about mosquitoes!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE By Shepard Barclay

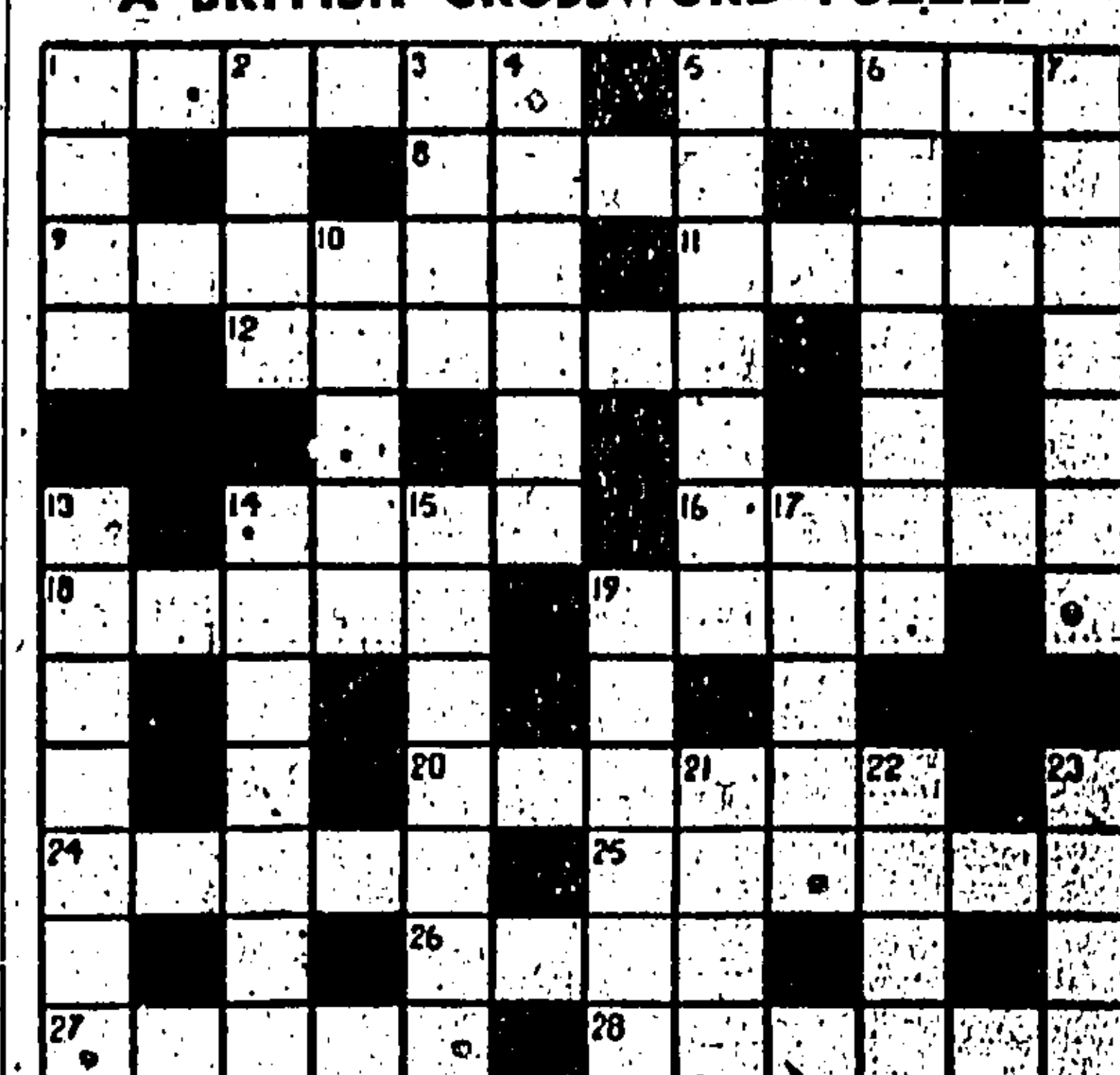
GRASP THE BIG CHANCE YOU MAKE MISTAKES, yes, and so do your opponents. One mark of the fine player is shown by the frequency of his errors. Another is the way he catches in the fullest when an opponent makes a slip of some kind. It is amazing how he turns an apparent one-trick mistake into a profit of two tricks or more. While avoiding as well as you can the giving of such opportunities to the other side, it is part of your job to grasp the big chance often whenever one of them extends an opening to you.

As the last heart was led, Mr. Miller asked the diamond 9 and club 10, the dummy having the diamond A-Q and club D, which was discarded. South didn't like to unguard his diamond K by tossing off the 10, so he threw away the club J, hoping North had the 10. That enabled the club 10 and diamond A to get the last two tricks. So one error by the defence enabled him to take all tricks but two, whereas originally he seemed due to lose one in hearts, two in clubs and one in diamonds, a total of four.

Tomorrow's Problem
S Q 9 0 5
H K 7 6
D Q 10 8 7
C 0 4
S A K 2
H Q J
D A K J
C A Q 3
S 7 8
H A 10 9 8 3
D 9
C 9 8 7 5
(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

Why have fine players learned not to make a game-forcing two bid on a hand like West's?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Tyrant.
5. Domestic.
8. Change course.
9. Unfertile.
11. Outcome.
12. Changed direction.
14. Satisfy the examiners.
16. Elevate.
18. Collar fastener.
20. Alfresco meal.
24. Stretching out.
25. Revolve.
27. Flower.
28. Tie up.

Clues Down

1. Exports (colloquial).
3. Sift.
5. Ball game.
7. Three-pronged spear.
8. Lost.
10. Jersey.
12. Rustic.
13. Violent storm.
14. Incomplete.
15. Emergency measure.
17. Financial check.
18. Hidden.
21. Observe.
22. Money.
23. Equipment.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1. Impulse, 4. Felon, 7. Sifted, 9. Early, 10. Em, 12. Minimum, 15. Brood, 16. Ruse, 17. Idle, 19. Detest, 20. Dressed, 21.

UN Shelves Debate On The Bernadotte Report

Paris, October 20.

The United Nations Political Committee today shelved discussion of the Bernadotte Report on Palestine.

The debate was postponed in favour of a Mexican resolution appealing to the great powers to renew their efforts to compose their differences and establish a lasting peace.

The Committee debated for three hours before deciding to take up the Mexican resolution rather than to continue with Palestine.

The Soviet and other Eastern delegates alleged that the United States and Britain were manoeuvring to delay the Palestine debate and challenged them to explain their motives.

The Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Mr. Dmytri Manulsky, suggested that "an election taking place somewhere on the surface of the globe" was at the bottom of the "manoeuvres". (The United States Presidential elections take place on November 2).

Mr. Manulsky, as well as other Eastern speakers, said that they considered the Mexican appeal of great importance, but they saw no good reason to postpone the Palestine debate.

British Denial

The British delegate, Sir Hartley Shawcross, indignantly denied that the British were seeking to postpone the Palestine debate.

Despite vigorous Eastern protests the Committee decided by 35 votes to nine, with 10 abstentions, to close the three-hour procedural debate.

After cutting short a further speech by the Soviet delegate, Dr. Jakob Malik, the President of the Committee, M. Paul-Henri Spaak, put to the vote the Cuban proposal to discuss the Mexican appeal at once.

When this was accepted by 34 votes to 11, with ten abstentions, the Yugoslav and Polish delegates claimed that the vote constituted a decision since they said, a two-third majority was required.

Mr. Spaak over-ruled them and at once opened the debate on the Mexican motion.

Threat To All

Presenting the Mexican resolution, Senator Luis Nervo said that the delegates of 28 nations had spoken in its favour.

He said: "The disagreement between the great powers is the cause of the greatest anxiety. The trouble is not limited to any particular zone, but is a threat to all of us."

"It is in the vital interests of us all to co-operate. Approval of the Mexican resolution would be of historic importance."

The Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Dr. Eloy Blanco, supported the appeal "with optimism and hope."

UN Hampered

Faris Bey El Khoury (Syria) asked the big powers to say to what extent they would comply with the appeal.

When none of the big powers showed any desire to speak, Dr. Homero Viteri (Ecuador) took the floor to give his "enthusiastic support" to the Mexican appeal.

Dr. Hector Castro (El Salvador) suggested adjourning the debate to enable the "Big Five" to prepare their statements on the Mexican appeal.

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NEXT CHANGE—
"THE LAST DAY OF POMPEII"

Yugoslavia Moves Troops

Trieste, October 20.

Italian intelligence sources claimed today that a Yugoslav tank regiment stationed along the Italo-Yugoslav frontier has been withdrawn and "presumably sent to the Rumanian border."

Meanwhile, the newly organized Yugoslav police force is carefully checking all movements of persons to and from Italy. Former partisans and Yugoslav officers who spent some time in Soviet training camps have been requested to leave the Italian frontier region.—United Press.

Dangerous Psychology Of War

Washington, October 20.

Mr. Sumner Welles, former Secretary of State, asserted today that America was developing a dangerous war psychology.

He said United States foreign policy was being made largely by military men, and that the military viewpoint must govern the decisions reached.

"Psychology is being created in which our Government is thinking primarily of force as the only effective instrument of policy and in which the average citizen is rapidly ceasing to think of our foreign relations except in terms of war," said Mr. Welles.

That state of mind was just as menacing to world peace as the "tinder box" situation in Berlin.

Mr. Welles agreed that American strength "is the surest safeguard against war in the immediate future." He added: "No American foreign policy today would be of any avail unless it is backed by adequate armed and industrial strength, but that does not mean that it is inevitable, nor does it mean the statesmanship of this nation is so barren that it cannot find means of averting war through the pursuit of a constructive and positive policy based on the United Nations."

"So long as Berlin remains a tinder box, some spark may light the conflagration,"—United Press.

'QUEENS' TO GO INTO DOCK
London, October 20.

The Queen Mary, due at Southampton from New York tomorrow, will go into dry dock on Saturday for annual overhaul which will take about a month.

The Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mary which will maintain the North Atlantic service while the Queen Mary is in dry dock, will be overhauled after the Queen Mary returns to service.

The Mary Queen of Scots will be in dry dock from November 27 until December 11 and the Queen Elizabeth from December 31 until January 31.—Reuter.

The third member of the crew, a non-commissioned officer, had been returned at his own request.

The bomber landed at Camp McClellan, near Linz, on October 9 on a flight from the Ukraine.

The plane had not been returned to the Russian authorities, the United States headquarters added.

Investigations had shown that the two officers had taken the two-engine plane during a raiding flight with the intention of escaping from the Russian zone.

The N.C.O. said he did not know of their plan until it was too late.

A representative of General Kursov, the Russian High Commissioner, interviewed the men but after a nine-hour meeting the two officers decided to stay in the American zone while the third airman asked to be returned.

The badly damaged plane was dismantled by Russian personnel and turned to the Russian zone with the aid of United States equipment.—Reuter.

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"BRIDE OF THE YEAR" WED AT ST. MARGARET'S

London, October 20.

Nearly 2,000 guests, including King George and Queen Elizabeth, packed fashionable St. Margaret's Church here today.

They saw Lady Margaret Egerton, Princess Elizabeth's Lady-in-Waiting, married to John Colville, Private Secretary to the Princess.

Outside St. Margaret's in the shadow of the House of Parliament and a few yards from Westminster Abbey, a dense crowd began assembling in the early hours.

Three times the police cordon was broken as cheering, waving people rushed into the busy road to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill, then Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, and then the bride herself.

Princess Margaret, one of the seven bridesmaids, was dressed in pale grey not over pink tulle, giving a smoky orchid effect.

The "bride of the year" favoured an Edwardian style dress in soft pink satin with tinsel medallions. Her train, cut in one with the gown, was three yards long, and she wore a tulle over-embroidered and hemmed with pale pink flowers.

Lady Margaret, who is the fifth daughter of the late Earl of Ellesmere met her husband when he took up his appointment as Princess Elizabeth's Private Secretary at Buckingham Palace just over a year ago.

Mr. Colville was at one time Secretary to Winston Churchill.

Italian Honeymoon
This is the first function outside Buckingham Palace that Princess Elizabeth has attended for some time. The Princess looked very fit and well as she walked into the Church with her husband.

Many women, bejewelled and in expensive gowns, had to be content with seats in the porch. Nearly 2,000 guests attended the wedding reception at Londonderry House, Park Lane mansion of the Marquis of London.

SUCCESSOR TO BOLLAERT
Paris, October 20.

M. Leon Pignon, Vice-Director of Political Affairs at the French Overseas Ministry, was today appointed French High Commissioner in Indo-China.

He succeeds M. Emile Bollaert, who has resigned. It was officially announced, following a meeting of the Council of Ministers, which was held under the chairmanship of M. Vincent Auriol, the President of the Republic.

General Roger Blaizot, Officer Commanding the French troops in Indo-China, will be acting High Commissioner in the interim period. It was added.

In an interview with Agence France Presse, the new High Commissioner said: "I am returning to Indo-China, where I spent a great part of my career, with the desire to restore the peace and security she so ardently wishes to see."

He added that he would work objectively and humanely to continue the peace-making efforts of M. Bollaert.—Reuter.

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THE TWENTY-SECOND INSTALMENT

The Stilwell Papers



over my signature for the Ch'ing T'en Pal Jih Chang. Asked in my name for relief of Wu Ch'ung-thang and suppressed answer to cover the move.

So I tied a can to him. Relieved him as deputy chief of staff and made him Kuo-chi Ts'an-mow. (Staff officer) This is a Chinese fa-tzu (method) for easing 'em out quietly. The whole staff but pu (command) boys tied to death. They threw their hats up and cheered. Wen came over and squawked and pleaded. When Bergin asked him for the missing radios, he just blubbered. I then got out an order about the signing of the Chinese officer's commission and some other crap, telling one and all that they had better get down to business and stop all this nonsense.

Got Ayers going on motor transport and he is turning up all sorts of manganism with orders to nose in everywhere.

Threw Colonel and his nurse girl friend out. She to Kanchi, he to Calcutta. He had to make a display of his love affairs.

At Chubun the mess is gradually straightening out. Alexander is mired in, but struggling. The overpromoted air corps is sunk when it comes to administration and management. Just a bunch of aerobically fit boys. Bawled out over the contractor tear out brick walks, just laid, to get bricks for new buildings! Alexander has 3,000 men and 750 pilots and still they can't get going. The C-46 is full of bugs. Carburetor leaks up. We have lost six over the Hump and the boys' morale is lower and lower. John Davies was in one, with a very mediocre crew, and had to jump out in Naga country. They were lucky. Now Alexander thinks the C-87 is the thing. A while back only the C-46 would do. And the C-87 was no good at all. As a matter of fact, it has the best record over the Hump. June, about 3,400 tons. July, 4,500 tons. August, 7,700 tons. September, 10,000 tons. The Air Transport Command record to

date is pretty sad. The CNAC has made them look like amateurs. LEO BASE The roads in the base are good, but the [Lao] road itself has been standing still. [General] Arrowsmith commands from his chateau, Glenn is in the hospital, York is out on location, and God knows who is running the road. I got York and talked to him and then sent Wheeler a hot radio. Arrowsmith is a sulky, indifferently bird, who can't see that this is the chance of a lifetime. You wouldn't catch him out in the mud, pushing. No, he's the Big Shot at the base, directing. "Where is So-and-so?" "Oh, he's my section engineer in charge of roads in the base," etc. Wheeler at one time directed Arrowsmith to Delhi and proposes to use Strong. I don't know. At any rate, he'll be better than Arrowsmith.

SCORE: 1 Brigadier General relieved. 2 Colonels relieved. 2 Colonels bawled out. 1 Brigadier General bawled out. Chinese 1 Brigadier General relieved. 1 Army Commander bawled out.

AUGUST The East Asia Command is set up. India, Burma, Singapore, Malaya, Sumatra, and Ceylon, with Lord Louis Mountbatten at the top. I am deputy and have to kid the G-mo into using the boys. But George is leaving me in command of all U.S. troops, air and ground. The command setup is a Chinese puzzle, with Wavell, Auk (Auchinleck), Mountbatten, Chiang, Alexander and me interwoven and mixed beyond recognition. "Stepchild" will be put on but late, probably. However, they are coming to U.S. bases on loan for ground troops, and the boys will have to step down. Louis will have a mixed staff with Wedemeyer on our side. It looks like business now. George has read the riot act to T. V. and maybe Chiang will come across.

SEPTEMBER 2—CHUNGKING Victory! Got the list of the SEC-

JULY 14.—LETTER TO MRS. STILLWELL. This last time up I pinned a medal on Chiang and you can imagine my feelings. It was very formal and I read him the citation in Chinese and then made a few remarks to him, also in Chinese, about the meaning and importance of the decoration. He was seated and not at all at ease. When I grabbed his coat and pinned it on, he jumped as if he was afraid I was going to stab him. On July 12, I passed a milestone. Got a decision in writing which eases my worries and responsibility no end. The truck is now passed and the boys can no longer block me out with impunity. It's a grand feeling after a solid year of struggle. Somehow or other things look better all around. Maybe we'll get out of the sewer after all.

[UNDATED] General Stilwell flew to India on July 14 and remained there till September 1. His following notes summarise the state of six weeks.

[UNDATED] KASHMIR: LET-TER TO MRS. STILLWELL. Since off to Kashmir for three days, 4,500 feet up in the hills from the "Vale." What a bust. Kashmir is overdeveloped, of course: the Jhelum is full of mud, the houses are jammed in like honey islands, the place is dirty and full of flies. Gulmarg is a Limey attempt to reproduce the homelands touch. Polo, tennis, dancing, golf, and ten. Dress for dinner and keep up the jolly old prestige. It rained all the time and was generally miserable, but at least it was a change and the trees were grand. Spruce, pine, fir, etc.

THE WEN CASE This moon-faced Brigadier General Wen, deputy chief of staff at Ramgarh, had big ideas. A graduate of Leavenworth, get-rich-quick course. Always concerned with the Big Picture. Utterly ignorant of basic requirements. Always writing long reports. "It's pretty good, but we must make it perfect" kind-of-stuff. Crazy ideas about Antiaircraft and Antitank and Chemical Warfare Service detachments in all units, [from] battalions up. Smart guy with big criticisms of Americans and American methods. Took Cheng Tung-kuo, that moon-faced general, and figured on moving right in on us. Kept agitating for the Army special units. Well, he went too far. Put four Wens [i.e., his own men] in various jobs without reference to Bergin. Threw Lin Wen-shih in the tank for a fancy personal slight. Put a Wen in radio room and suppressed radios. Asked for ten Military Academy graduates for the staff without reference to me or to Bergin. Recommended himself

The Purge Of The Publicans And Sinners

Hackles are rising, tempers fraying and recriminations flying once more on the subject of the perennial best-seller in public argument, "The Case of the Common Prostitute."

This time the fire of dispute has been fed by the enforced exodus from the night haunts of Kowloon of the girls—the presumably unchaste but not unattractive band which caters for the whims of the profligate and, some claim, the needs of the normal male, who has no other outlet for a primeval, though not primarily evil, urge.

Brought about in the immediate instance by a recent amendment to the licensing laws of the Colony, the cause of the present clearance of Kowloon's hotels and restaurants can be traced back to 1847. A provision of the legislation of Great Britain at that time was adopted in the Licensing Act of 1872. It made it an offence for publicans to allow "common prostitutes to assemble and continue" in licensed premises.

Though that rather takes the novelty out of the current fuss and bother it is as nothing compared with the great antiquity of the basic subject—that of prostitution itself.

It would be extremely difficult, and not a little pointless, to try to establish the first case of what the Encyclopedia Britannica calls "promiscuous unchastity for gain." However, we can very easily go back to the time of Ancient Rome, when the trade was many a long day past its infancy.

At the outset the Romans made life harsh for the prostitute. She had to wear distinctive dress, dye her hair or wear a yellow wig and was subject to

among those who feel that Hong Kong is quite capable of handling its own internal problems. Certain it is that the measure of control now exercised by the Colonial Office is of a nature which fifty years ago would neither have been possible nor considered expedient. With Ceylon granted dominion status, Palestine turned over to the United Nations, and a rapid extension of self-governing institutions in other parts of the Colonial Empire, it may conceivably be that the Colonial Office finds itself with more time upon its hands. But it is no compensation to Hong Kong or to its executive officers that we should be treated as requiring special surveillance.

various civil disabilities. Cruellest of all, her registration, which was compulsory, was permanent, and she was never used and consequently remained under an indelible stain.

With the success of their various territorial invasions, however, the Romans became lax in the maintenance of their regulations and a more or less open season of pleasure was proclaimed. This was followed, in natural sequence, by the imposition of even more stringent regulations on prostitutes.

"If these laws had any effect at all," states the Encyclopedia Britannica, "it was to promote morality; they certainly did not diminish prostitution. The profligacy of Imperial Rome has never been surpassed for gross and obscene sensuality."

Under Christianity Rome took a distinctly more charitable view of prostitution. The Church was not severe with prostitutes, when the altar was open upon repentance. Some of the fathers explicitly recognised the trade as necessary evil. Among them was St. Augustine, a man of the world, who saw that its suppression would stimulate more destructive forms of immorality.

Regulation

Throughout the middle ages, prostitution flourished everywhere. It was not merely tolerated, but licensed and regulated by law in London as well as most of Europe. The earliest known regulations directed against the spread of venereal disease appeared in a London act of 1411. It was not until the end of the 15th century that the true menace of venereal disease appears to have been fully appreciated. It can only be assumed that its prevalence increased greatly at that time, though for what reason it is impossible to tell.

This discovery, as it were, was followed immediately by the Reformation. The two together led to a general campaign against the system of licensed prostitution. In direct proportion to the complete moral laxity of the preceding century, the intolerance which persisted in waves through the 16th and 17th centuries. Imprisonment, whippings and brandings became accepted punishments for women caught playing the timeless trade. In England the only way for first offenders was for a second offence meant death. Paris condemned men concerned in the traffic to the galleys for life.

Policy Changes During the 18th century the fluctuations of policy were legion. There was a constant grasping at fresh solutions of the insoluble

nothing new in the way of principle was involved but one advance was made. With the establishment of organised police forces a permanent regulating body was found to which to entrust the control of prostitution.

This laid the foundation for the present systematic procedure in most parts of the world—a procedure of light and ignore it as far as possible. In the Western world today there are two main differences in the treatment of prostitution in the several countries. The first is the licensed house which generally exists on the Continent but not in Great Britain or her Dominions or in the United States.

The second is in the registration and examination of prostitutes which naturally tends to accompany the existence of licensed houses. The place of this in Great Britain and the United States is taken by the venereal clinics instituted to protect public health. In the long run this does a better job as the vast size of modern cities makes clandestine prostitution so easy that where licensed houses exist they hold only a small proportion of the total number of women engaged in the trade.—R.D.

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Disorders Spreading In Northern Coal Towns

RED FIFTH COLUMN IN ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska, October 20. A House sub-committee said today that it found evidence of Russian fifth column infiltration in the United States-controlled Little Diomed Island between Alaska and Siberia.

It also reported that Russia obtained information about the city of Nome "which could have come only from residents."

Nome and Little Diomed Island are situated in the United States Northern defence system.

The two-man sub-committee comprised Representatives Charles J. Canine and O.C. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher said he could not divulge at present the exact nature of the advance Soviet fifth column activity.

During its seven-day investigation the sub-committee held hearings in Anchorage, Nome, Kodiak and Fairbanks.

The two sub-committee members left for San Francisco today. —United Press.

Civilians Evacuate Pantanaw

Rangoon, October 21. The town of Pantanaw in the Maubin district has been evacuated by civilians because of terrorist activity by rebels. Wednesday's military communiqué reported.

Pantanaw has been in rebel hands for six weeks. The communiqué said the rebels were working a "protection racket" and had collected more than £1,500 from merchants and others.

A Government convoy of country boats en route to Rangoon with grain was shot at by insurgents but escaped unharmful, the communiqué added.

No further details of the rebel attack in the petroleum centre of Yenneng reported on Tuesday were given in the communiqué but it said that several persons siding the rebels had been arrested.

The rebels suffered 170 casualties during the recent attack by Government forces in the Toungou district. —Associated Press.

WINDSOR SEES KING GEORGE

London, October 21. The Duke of Windsor visited at Buckingham Palace yesterday the brother who succeeded him to the throne, King George VI. The Duke arrived in London on Monday from Paris for whom was described as a private visit at Marlborough House with his mother, Queen Mary. His American wife, the former Wallis Warfield Simpson, stayed in France. There has been no confirmation in London of published reports abroad that the Duke of Windsor is seeking appointment to an official post. —Associated Press.

Defence Against "Death Clouds"

Stockholm, October 20. Sweden is to train her air defence workers in methods of dealing with possible attacks by radio-active "death clouds" caused by atom bombs.

This decision follows a report by the Military Research Institute stating that five kilograms (about 11 pounds) of radio-active substances could wipe out Stockholm's 600,000 people.

Shelters would save a community from the worst effects of radio-active attack, the report said, and the best defence would be shelters with stone walls at least a metre (about a little more than a yard) thick and specially ventilated.

The report, dealing with methods other than atom bombs, said that an attacker might use to spread radio-active substances, said fifth columnists could "con-

Paris, October 20. More fighting between French security troops and strikers occurred tonight as the Government decided to take steps to deal with growing disorders caused by the 17-day-old stoppage in the Northern coalfields.

At the same time, the Secretary of the Communist-led French Miners Union, M. Victorin Duguet, said the strikers would "fight like lions" to preserve their right. Security troops fought a crowd of more than 1,000 strikers who encircled their lorries at St. Etienne in the Loire Department tonight. Windows in the drivers' cabins were smashed by stones. Many people were injured on both sides.

The police arrested 23 men and five women. The demonstrators included 700 from an arms factory and 200 workers from another factory.

Several hundred miners' electrical hand lamps were put out of action today in the second act of sabotage reported since the miners' strike began 16 days ago, according to the French press agency.

The batteries of all the lamps were found to have been removed in the Vermelle pit of the same Bethune group as the No. 2 pit where yesterday all lamps were found smashed. Similar acts of alleged sabotage were reported from two other pit lamp-rooms in the Bethune group tonight. At the Mazingabe pit, 500 lamps out of 700 had been destroyed.

"Reign Of Terror"

M. Duguet said tonight that nearly all miners throughout France were observing the strike order except in the Moselle area of North East France, where troops "imposed a reign of terror."

He said that safety devices withdrawn earlier this week would not be restored until the Government removed the police and troops from the pitheads. He said that in the Moselle district, about 4,000 men, representing 10 per cent of the miners of the region, who had refused to work were mostly freed German ex-prisoners and other foreigners who were forced to work. He claimed that the Government had cut the electric current and stopped trains to rouse public opinion against the strikers and had employed force after 14 days. He affirmed that the miners' Federation is still ready for discussions provided the Government will agree to arbitrate certain decrees affecting their status and conditions.

Government To Act

M. Robert Lacoste, the Minister of Industry, told a press conference tonight that nine mines were already flooded in the vital northern coalfield.

He said that it was the first time in any French miners' strike that safety teams had been withdrawn and "even against the German oppressors, such measures were not considered."

The Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, told the Council of Ministers today that half the miners in the Lorraine Department have now returned to work. This is the only region where a main break in the French coal stoppage has so far been reported. In the coal basins of Auvergne and Haute Loire, however, a total strike of the 2,800 miners, including all safety services, was reported today.

M. Francois Mitterand, the Secretary of State for Information, announced after the Cabinet meeting that the Government had decided to take "the necessary measures" to

laminate reservoirs and food stocks. To guard against the smuggling of radio-active substances, officers might have to be equipped with a simple apparatus which detects the Gamma rays given off by them.

An attacking army could be checked by radio-active bombardment, the report said, while a potential raider, bombarding troops in ships could be paralysed. One of the biggest problems was that, radiations from these forms of attacks could not be made to die away quickly. —Reuter.

HK Seed Oil For Britain

London, October 21. The Ministry of Food announced yesterday that in agreement with the Board of Trade, applications will be considered for the import of further quantities of seed oil from Hong Kong. The maximum price to be fixed for imports will be announced later. —Associated Press.

British Planters Murdered

Singapore, October 20. Chinese insurgents today ambushed and shot dead two British planters, the manager of the Craigilea Estate in Muhr, Johore State, and his assistant. About 30 men stopped the planters' car on its way to the estate from an adjoining Chinese rubber plantation, it was officially stated in Kuala Lumpur.

The Malay driver, who was allowed to run away, said he saw the insurgents drag the two Britons from the car, march them about 20 yards, and shoot them through the head. The driver ran to the manager's wife, who telephoned to the police.

When the police arrived they found the car stripped and burned.

Railway headquarters said here today that the railway line was blown up North of Taph, in Perak, last night.

A patrol train, preceding the night mail, was derailed, but there were no casualties. In London, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South East Asia, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace today. —Reuter.

INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

Paris, October 20. Mr. Hector McNeil, British Minister of State, said tonight he was convinced that only investment in Africa and South East Asia could give Europe, and particularly Africa, a reasonable chance of recovery.

Only Nation To Be Trusted

Boston, October 20.

A Japanese clergyman, whose Christian school at Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atomic bomb, said here today that the United States was the only country in the world which would "be trusted with the fearful, destructive force."

The clergyman, the Reverend Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, delegate to the World Methodist Conference, said in an interview that "despite the fact that America was first to use the bomb I feel that it is the only nation that can be trusted to administer the new force."

He believed the decision to use the bomb first was taken reluctantly and was forced upon the United States by the press of mortal conflict, he said.

Dr. Matsumoto's school was blown to bits by the bomb and 18 teachers and 330 students killed. He was pulled from the debris a day later, badly injured but not burned. —Reuter.

SABU MARRIED

Hollywood, October 21. Sabu, "elephant boy" of the films, married yesterday the actress Marilyn Cooper, who plays in his latest picture, "Song of India".

They met on the set. Sabu, aged 24, a native of Mysore, India, was discovered by the British producer, Sir Alexander Korda, 13 years ago and became an instant hit in America as "Elephant Boy". —Associated Press.

NEWFOUNDLAND AIRLIFT

St. John's, Newfoundland, October 20. The United States military authorities prepared today to start an "airlift" to take food and other supplies to American outposts, isolated by the Newfoundland rail strike. —Reuter.

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The Official Story Of The Rocket Bomb

London, October 20. Rocket bombs can be used for a prolonged offensive only if supported by a strong Air Force to guard installations and supply lines. This is the deduction drawn from the official report of Air Chief Marshal Sir Roderic Hill.

Air Marshal organised Britain's defences against the flying bomb and rocket in the final stages of the war. His report was published today.

Massed anti-aircraft batteries and speedy fighter aircraft were used against the flying bomb until from one-half to three-quarters of all approaching Britain were shot down. The operations against rockets were limited largely to trying to locate the firing points, then attacking them fiercely.

Air Chief Marshal Hill says the German rocket offensive "must be regarded merely as a harassing attack," although in seven months 2,511 persons were killed and 8,859 injured from it in London alone.

He adds: "Yet the A-4 rocket cannot be dismissed as a mere freak. Practically, it was a new weapon which brought new hazards to the lives of millions and set new problems of defence."

Bad Judgment

Because of its air superiority, Britain always had the means of keeping the rocket offensive under control, Sir Roderic maintains.

"For if the enemy had begun to fire at a much greater rate he could no longer have lived from hand to mouth. He would have been obliged to store rockets and fuel in bulk near the firing area. Valuable bombing targets would then have been offered to us."

The operations against rocket sites were largely carried out by Spitfire squadrons under Air

Chief Marshal Hill's command. The Tactical Air Force was reserved for use against wider objectives in connection with the invasion.

The Air Chief Marshal adds that the Germans, who developed the flying bomb, may be pardoned for a certain lack of judgment if they fancied themselves on the brink of changes comparable to those which followed the filled barrel and machine gun....

Cardinal Mistake

"If the flying bomb and A-4 rocket were to be regarded as the substitute for the Strategic Bombing Force, a cardinal mistake was to suppose that these novel weapons could be used effectively in the absence of air superiority which alone could have provided a reasonable immunity from air attack."

"Only air superiority could ensure that places where the missiles were stored, serviced and fired, and the crews who fired them and the vehicles which carried them by road and rail, would not be subject to systematic interference."

Air Chief Marshal Hill says the problems of air defence "will not remain static." He does not, however, indicate what, if any, measures have been developed against the rocket since—Reuter.

Sandhurst's Sovereign's Parade

Cambridge, October 20. The first "Sovereign's Parade" took place at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, today.

General Sir James Steele, Adjutant-General to the Forces, who was received by the Commandant, Major General H. C. Stoddart, inspected the parade of nearly 1,300 officer cadets and presented the awards.

After the Adjutant-General's address the senior division marched off the parade ground in slow time, with the colours leading and followed by the Adjutant, Major Charles Earle, on his charger, while the remainder on parade presented arms.

In his address General Steele told how at the last passing out parade in July the King was so impressed that he gave instructions for future passing out parades to be known as Sovereign's Parades.

The King had also approved the renaming of the Champion Company to Sovereign's Company.

General Steele said he was proud to have been the officer singled out by the King to take the salute at the first Sovereign's Parade.

Senior cadets on parade today entered Sandhurst in May 1947. —Reuter.

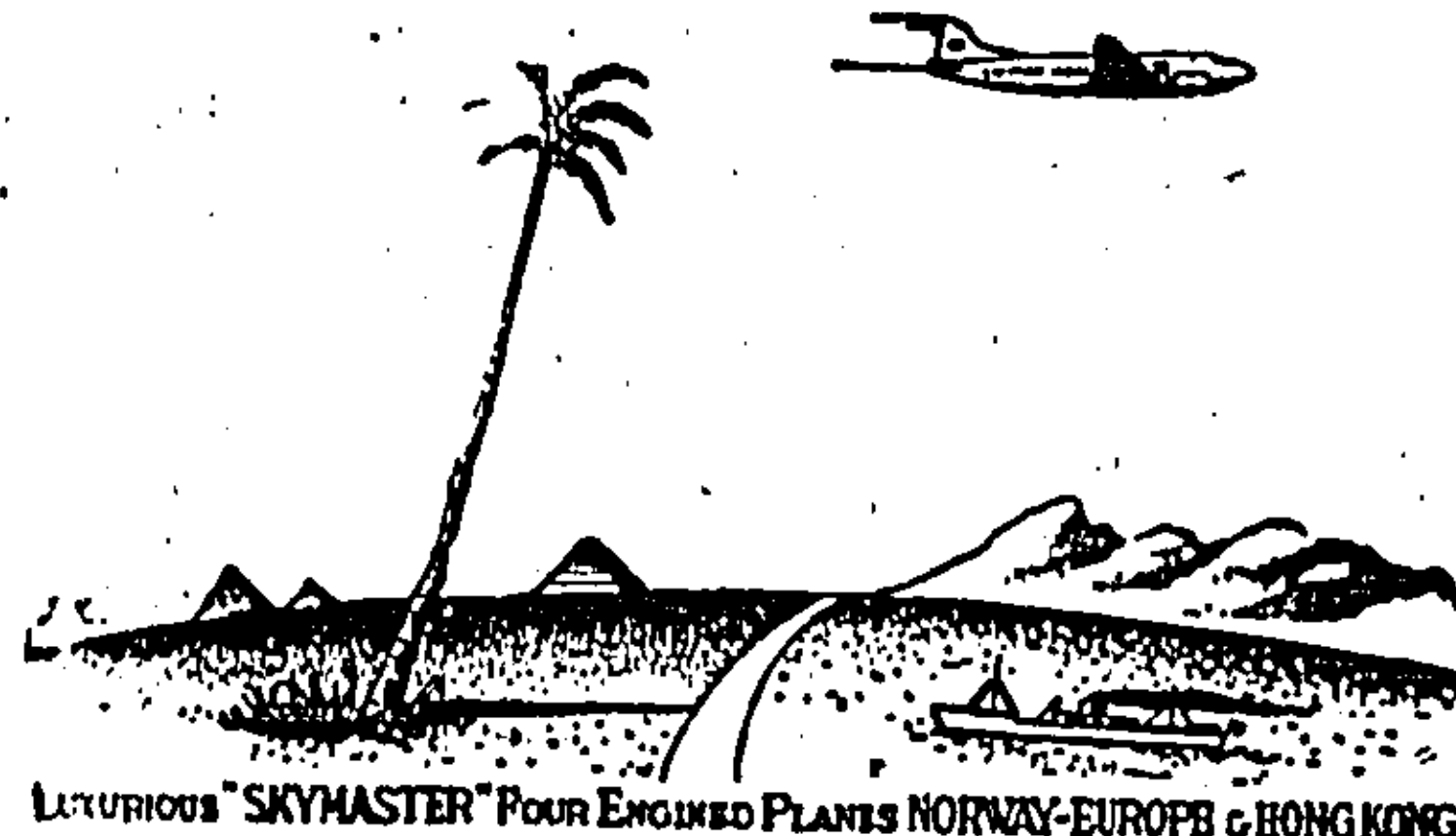
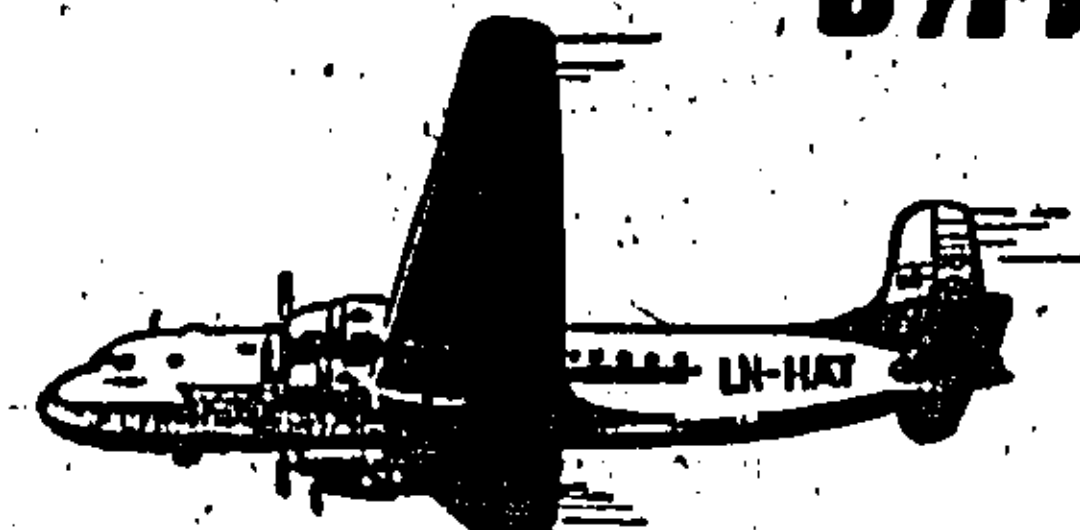
IN THE AIR FOR 1,000 HOURS

Fullerton, California, October 20.

Two pilots in a tiny monoplane are trying to keep in the air for 1,000 hours, and break what is claimed as the "world flight endurance record" of 720 hours established in 1939 in California by Captain W. Carroll.

The pilots—Richard Reidel and William Barris—took off from here yesterday in their plane "Sunkist Lady" and propose to stay in the air until December 7. The plane will be refueled by a hose from a petrol wagon while the plane flies low. —Reuter.

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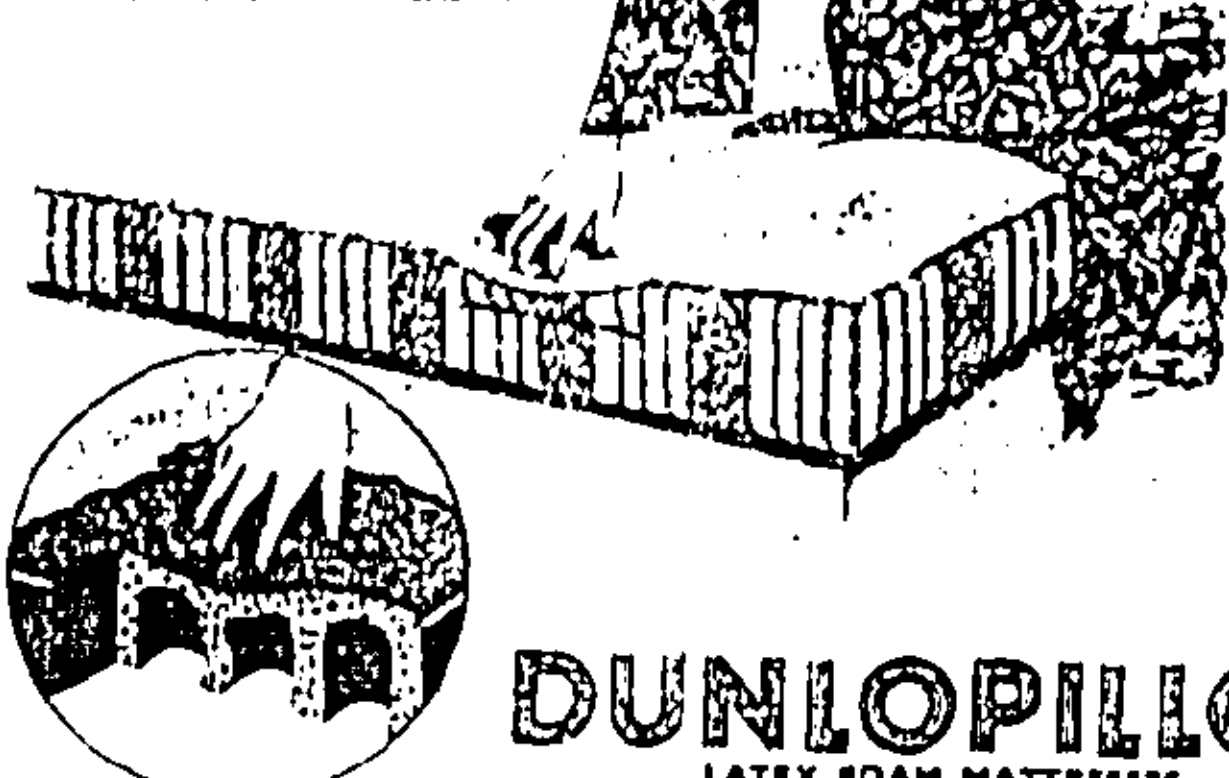
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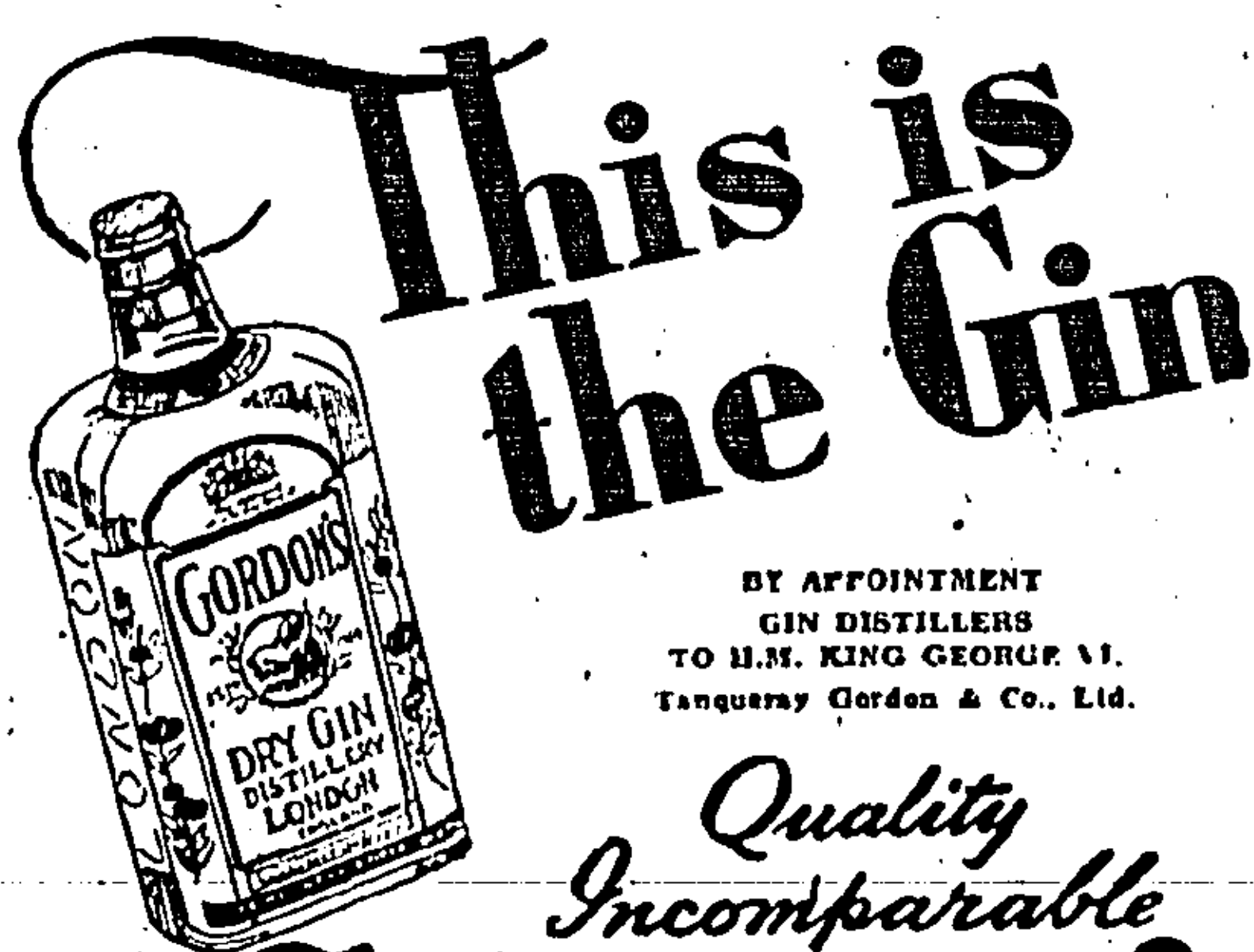
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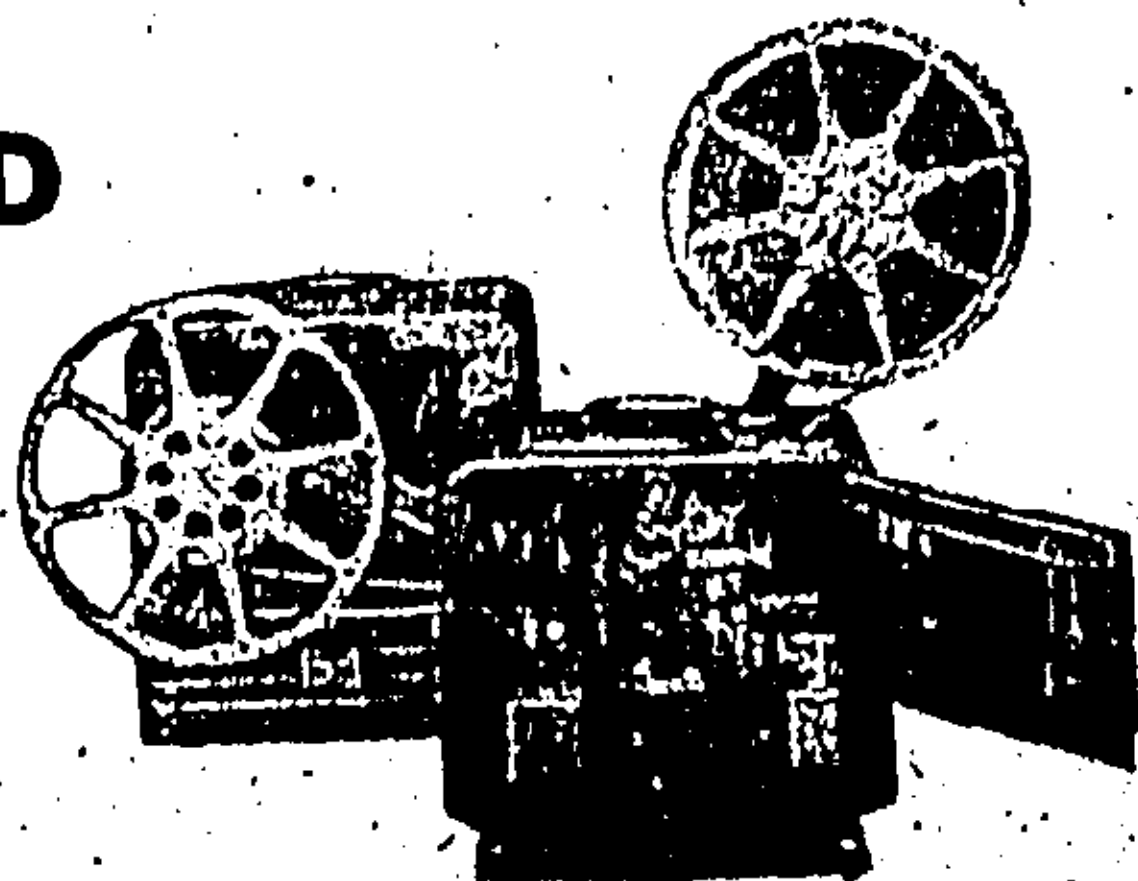
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Commonwealth Agreed On Necessity For Building Up Defence

London, October 20.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS OFFENDS

London, October 20.

Mihail Macavel, Rumanian Minister in London, called at the Foreign Office today to protest against references to Madame Ana Pauker, Rumanian Foreign Minister, made by a humorous columnist, Nathaniel Gubbins, in the Sunday Express on October 10 and 17.

The Minister left an aide memoire on the subject at the Foreign Office, a Rumanian Legation official said tonight.

In a letter to the Editor, printed in the October 17 issue of the Sunday Express, Mr. Paul Cornes, of the Rumanian Legation, expressed surprise at finding Mr. Gubbins' "despicable insinuation" about Madame Pauker in the newspaper.

"I have often read in certain British papers that the press in Rumania is not free," he wrote. "It is certainly not free to insult in a similar manner the British Foreign Secretary."—Reuter.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference, meeting in secret session here today, agreed that the "danger of war must be met by building up of armed forces to deter any would-be aggressor."

A communique issued after today's plenary session of the conference said:

"Defence and the maintenance of world peace were the subjects of discussion at the Prime Ministers' meeting this morning and this afternoon.

"The discussion was opened with surveys by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Minister of Defence and the Chief of Air Staff.

"In the discussion there was agreement that the danger of war must be met by building up armed forces in order to deter any would-be aggressor, and that freedom must be safeguarded, not only by military defensive measures, but also by advancing social and economic welfare.

The defence meeting, from which no official information of any kind emerged afterwards, was attended by an even larger number than usual of British Government leaders.

Monty Was There

The Chiefs of Staff, including Viscount Montgomery, retiring Chief of the Imperial

General Staff and now Chairman of the Western Union Permanent Defence Organisation, were also present.

Every Prime Minister took part in the debate and observers assumed tonight that the military defensive measures referred to in the official communique relate to a co-ordinated defence policy among all members of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Nations plan to wind up their historic London talks tomorrow—a day ahead of the original schedule—after an almost unbroken series of private meetings and 12 plenary sessions of debate.

Several Prime Ministers in public statements have adjudged this Conference, the first of its kind, an outstanding success.

Committee Reports

Every subject of common and vital interest to all the Commonwealth Nations—economic, defence and international affairs—and a host of problems and questions more particularly affecting two or three, or more dominions, have been thrashed out in the Cabinet room of No. 10 Downing Street, or at informal "get-togethers" in West End hotel suites.

The visiting statesmen collectively have no outstanding business for today's debate.

They will hear tomorrow the reports of the two committees set up to find new and speedier methods of inter-dominion consultation—this includes defence arrangements—and to examine ways and means of raising the status of Dominion High Commissioners.

Before dispersing, some of the Prime Ministers will have further informal group conversations in London over the week-end.

Reuter.

Russian Purge In Berlin

Berlin, October 20.

Dr. Karl Lohke, Chairman of the Berlin Organisation of the Communist-led Socialist Unity Party since it was formed more than two years ago, has been replaced, the Press Section of the Party announced today.

His successor is Hans Jendretzky, up to now Chairman of the Communist-led German Trade Union Federation.

In political quarters in Berlin, the move is regarded as a new example of the "purge" of former Social Democrats and other un-reliable elements from leading positions in the Socialist Unity Party.—Reuter.

SJARIFUDDIN NOW REPORTED ALIVE

Batavia, October 21.

Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, the former Indonesian Socialist Premier reported yesterday by the Indonesian Republican news agency, Antara, to have been murdered, was today said to be still alive.

The source of today's denial was Aneta, the Dutch news agency in the East Indies, quoting the Dutch Army Contact Service in General Java.

Yesterday's report was that Dr. Sjarifuddin, reported to have been Prime Minister of the rebel Indonesian Communist Republic, was murdered by his own Communist supporters.

Dr. Sjarifuddin was reported to be with Muso, the Communist leader of the uprising, in the woods west of Mount Willis in Central Java, according to the Dutch Army Contact Service.

The Communists were believed to have caches of food and ammunition in the mountains to enable them to carry on the struggle for a considerable time.

With Dr. Sjarifuddin and Muso were Colonel Djokosujono, the Communist-appointed Military

Commander of Madiun (the former headquarters of the insurgents) and Abdul Rachman, an Indonesian Communist leader. Republican headquarters, said Colonel Djokosujono's troops were well armed.—Reuter.

"LILI MARLENE" COMPOSER IN TROUBLE

London, October 20.

Norbert Schultze, the German who wrote "Lili Marlene," the song sung by the Eighth Army and all the Allied armies as well as German troops during the war, will face a denazification court in Hannover on Friday, Bremen Radio (the American Forces network) said tonight.

Schultze is accused of benefiting from the Nazi regime.—Reuter.

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The General Eats Noodles

Shanghai, October 21.

Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, son of China's President and economic boss of Shanghai, couldn't buy rice today so he had to buy noodles, his secretary announced. He said the noodles were not of the best quality.

The bulk of Shanghai's 5,000,000 Chinese residents—who hadn't broken Chiang's restrictive anti-hoarding laws—have been eating noodles ever since his price freezing regulations stopped the flow of rice into Shanghai.—Associated Press.

Reds Should Stand Aside

New York, October 20.

The chief of Mr. George Marshall's policy-planning staff said today that Russia and her satellite authority must somehow be brought into collaboration with the United Nations or persuaded to "stand aside."

Mr. George F. Kennan, the Secretary of State's top expert in Soviet affairs, said that the current conflict within the United Nations was between the majority of United Nations members "acting in support of the Charter and the group of governments who refuse to abide by its provisions or recognize the over-riding international obligation which the Charter constitutes."

A means must be found "to bring wisdom to those whose thoughts today are oriented solely to the pursuit of political greatness in the form of world domination."

"If we cannot do this and if these people remain stubbornly unwise, then we must persuade them in their own interest to stand aside and permit other peoples of the world to proceed at last with this business of development of the world as a whole, for which the conditions of life in our time cry out so urgently and which have been so long delayed."—United Press.

SPECTATORS FIGHT FOR TRIAL SEATS

Munich, October 20.

Some 700 spectators fought for seats today at the opening of the trial before a military court here of 17-year old Wilfried Helm, accused of killing an American and a German detective.

A plea of "not guilty" was entered on his behalf after he had refused to plead. He was charged with shooting two law enforcement officers and burning their bodies to escape discovery.

An American prosecutor, who read the charge, said Helm fled to Czechoslovakia and joined an American military unit as an interpreter after his home in Dresden had been destroyed. In an Allied ultimatum.

The prosecutor, Mr. James Greenhill, said Helm managed to have himself fraudulently transported to the United States in a repatriation ship through the use of his fluent knowledge of "American." He was later deported.

The murders, the prosecutor said, took place on May 9, 1948, when Helm was travelling in a jeep with an American and a German detective to view the site of a hidden grave where a murdered American soldier had reportedly been buried.

Helm, the prosecutor said, was manacled during the trip.

UK Trading Balance

London, October 20.

British exports in September amounted to £2,131,000,000—half a million sterling more than in August and £14,700,000 lower than in the record month of July, the Board of Trade stated today.

Allowing for the rise in prices since before the war the volume of exports in the third quarter of this year was estimated at 138 per cent of 1938, compared with 134 per cent in the second quarter and 238 per cent in the first quarter.

For September it was 132 per cent, as against 133 in August and 149 in July, and about 12 per cent short of the end of year export target for 1948.

The largest increase was £1,400,000 for machinery. Nearly half of this was for agricultural tractors.

Re-exports were valued at £2,500,000.

Imports, at £2,169,400,000, were £4,400,000 below the August figure and lower than in any month since February.

The adverse balance of trade was thus £33,100,000, a reduction of £6,000,000 on August.—Reuter.

BRITISH ENVOY SEES MOLOTOV

Moscow, October 20.

The Russian Foreign Minister, V.M. Molotov, today received Sir Maurice Peterson, British Ambassador, for a 45-minute talk.—United Press.

LAW OF DEFAMATION: COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

London, October 20.

Lord Porter's Committee on the Law of Defamation has issued a 52-page report as a 'White Paper'. The committee has been sitting—with the exception of the war years—since April, 1939.

The Committee's main proposals are:

1. Wide extension of the categories of newspaper reports entitled to "qualified privilege."
2. Broadening of the basis upon which the scope of defence of justification and of fair comment should be placed.
3. Alterations in the laws aimed at providing relief to "innocent wrong-doers," while protecting the character of those whose reputation has been attacked.

While the Committee does not recommend general assimilation of the law of libel and slander, so as to make all slanders actionable without proof of special damage, it considers all oral statements broadcast over the radio should be actionable without proof of special damage when defamation is unintentional.

It recommends that the plaintiff's remedy should be restricted to requiring defendant to publish an explanation and apology and that if such explanation and apology is published no damages should be recoverable.

Fair Comment

Another recommendation is that defendant should be entitled to succeed in defence of justification if he proves a substantial portion of defamatory allegations is true, that the remaining allegations which have not been proved to be true do not add materially to injury to plaintiff's reputation.

"Though the law as to defamation requires some modification, the basic principles upon which it is founded are not amiss. Faults are best met by pruning away objectionable features, modifying and simplifying procedure. But some anomalies must

in the nature of things, remain," says the report.

"Defamatory statements transmitted over the radio in a broadcast reaching many millions are calculated to cause as much, if not more, damage than written reports in a newspaper, however large the circulation."

"We recommend that statements by radio transmission should be deemed published in writing by the person, firm or corporation responsible for the broadcasting."—Reuter.

Turn From Red To White

Shanghai, October 21.

Altogether 1,100 Soviet Russians in China have renounced Soviet citizenship in the past few months, Gregory Bolofort, chairman of the Russian Emigrants Association, announced.

Seven hundred of these are Shanghai residents and the rest reside in North China. For several months now local English-language news papers have been carrying daily announcements of Russians renouncing their passports.

The switch from Red to White has tipped the census balance in China in favour of White Russians. There were about 7,000 of each category before the change-over. Now there are more than 9,000 White Russians, and under 8,000 Soviets.—Associated Press.

BBC MAN TO BE RELEASED

Prague, October 21.

The Minister of Justice in General Milos's guerrilla cabinet, Miloslav Porphyris, in a press conference in Prague today said that the correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corporation in Greece, Kenneth Matthews, would be released within a week. He added that the guerrilla forces were "educating" Matthews. The Greek guerrillas captured Matthews on October 11.—Reuter.

SIAM REPORTS CHINESE

Bangkok, October 21.

Siamese immigration authorities have deported 20 Chinese, half of them convicted of profiteering and the other half being newly arrived immigrants unable to pay their entry fees.

Those deported for profiteering were owners of small food stalls convicted of selling pork or eggs at prices above control.—Associated Press.

FLEEING FRANCO

Tynemouth, Northumberland, October 20.

Two Spanish stowaways were reported in the Swedish steamer Polaris (2,163 tons) when she called at Tynemouth today on her way from North Africa to Stockholm.

They were kept on board. They were stated to have stowed away at Vigo, where the Polaris called for attention.—Reuter.

GERMAN PROTEST

Heidelberg, October 20.

Trams were halted and shops closed for an hour this afternoon when about 15,000 Germans packed a public square in Heidelberg to demonstrate against high prices and to demand what they termed a more equitable distribution of wages and of the economic burden. There were no incidents.

In a similar meeting at Mannheim, 60,000 Germans stopped work to protest against the economic situation in the Bizone.—Reuter.

THAMES SCHEME

London, October 20.

Plans and estimates for a £2,000,000 development scheme of the South bank of the Thames, which includes a £1,250,000 concert hall for housing the 1951 Festival of Britain, have been approved by the London County Council.—Reuter.

WAR 'MORE LIKELY' IN 18 MONTHS

London, October 21.

War is more likely in 18 months than it is now, Mr. Eric Johnston, President of the American Movie Producers Association said today.

"I think there is little likelihood of war in the near future," he stated.

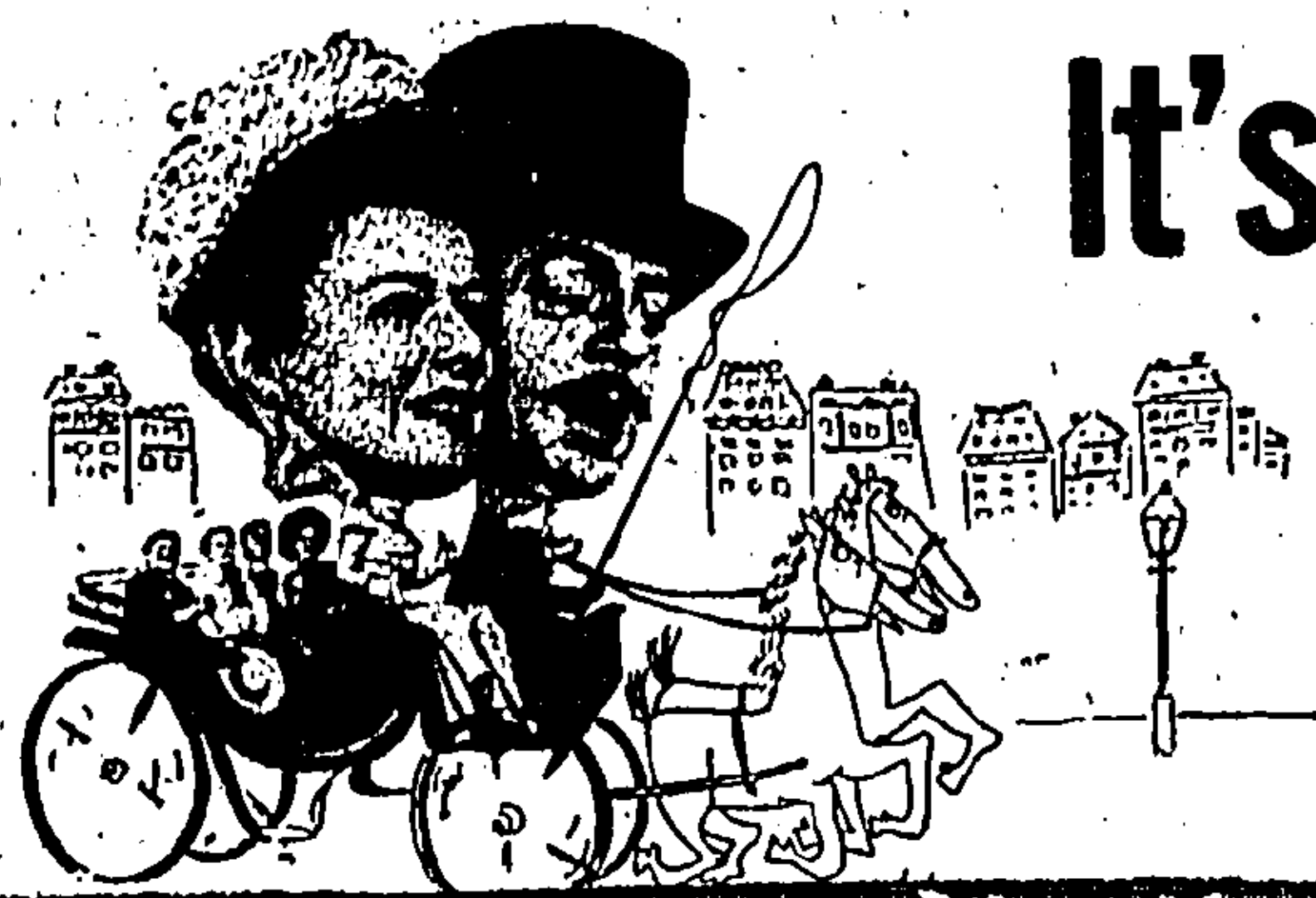
Mr. Johnston said wars were planned when people wanted them and "I can tell you that without exception people in Europe do not want war."

Asked if he had a feeling that everywhere people were despondently afraid of war, he said: "Maybe they are, but I did not get that general idea during my trip."

He added that it countries behind the Iron Curtain live up to

their reputation, "they could not very well be expected to have enough information about the outside world to be afraid of living differences between ideologies and failure to understand these differences could lead to war," said Mr. Johnston.

"One of the crying needs of the world today is better understanding between peoples and a need to raise the standards of living of peoples everywhere," he said. "This can be achieved only by a slow process of recovery interspersed with relapses."—United Press.



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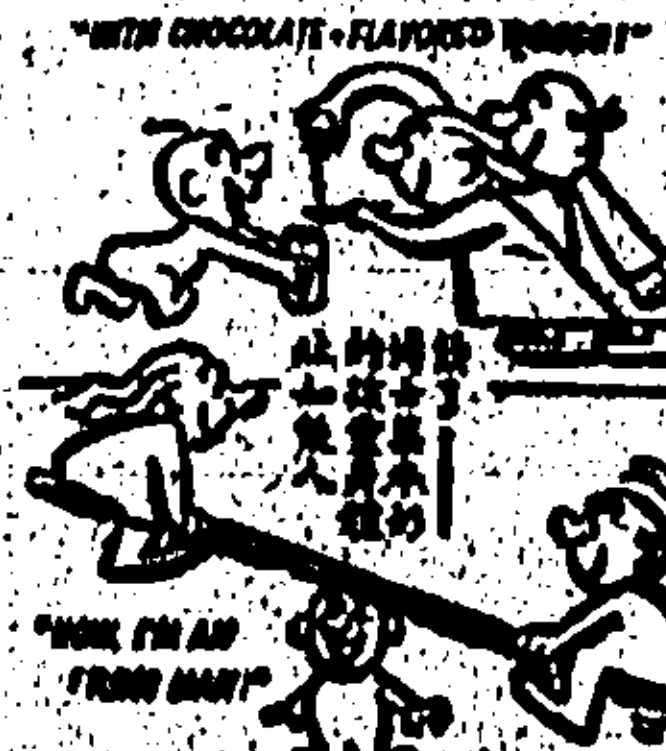
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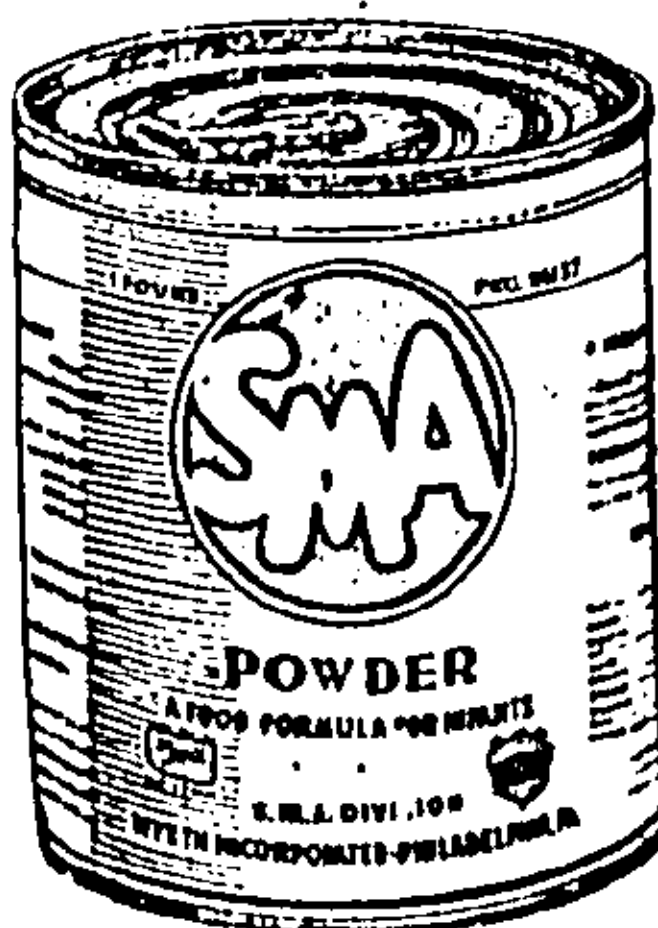
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FATHER IS NOT FOND OF HOUSE GUESTS

The Day household on Madison Avenue in New York City in the Eighties, presided over by Clarence Day Sr. (William Powell), provides the setting for the memorable screen version of Clarence Day's "Life With Father."

Events in the Day home take form when Mrs. Day (Irene Dunne) invites Cousin Corn (ZaSu Pitts) and 17-year-old Mary (Elizabeth Taylor) for a few days visit.

Romance

Father detests house guests and does not hide this fact from his family. Romance blossoms when young Clarence (Jimmy Lydon), who is about to enter Yale, falls in love with Mary. The matter of religion however casts a cloud over the match, and Father adds zest to the problem when he openly states that he himself has never been baptised.

From then on this charming plot is motivated by Mrs. Day's desire to get Father baptised quickly and save his soul.

The comedy reaches a new climax when the young son continues to woo Mary with marked Victorian fervor. He sells patent medicine to get a new suit. But

this work hits a snag when it is discovered that Dr. Bartlett's balm is no good.

Fine Acting

The flow of rich incident which unravels the Day problems provides a film of rare entertainment. Besides the two stars, excellent performances are also turned in by Edmund Gwenn as the minister and the three younger Day boys, Derek Scott, Johnny Calkins and Martin Miller. Others, sorted out for mention in the top-flight cast include: Heather Wilde, Monte Blue and Clara Blandick.

The screen play is by Donald Ogden Stewart, adapted from the Oscar Serlin stage production written by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse. Max Steiner is responsible for the music. Michael Curtiz directed.

ZaSu Pitts of the sad, sad voice and fluttery hands is an important member of the cast of Clarence Day's "Life With Father." This comedienne, who garners laughs just at the mere sight of her pathetic mannerisms, plays Cousin Corn, who comes to visit the Day family in their brown one mansion on Madison Avenue in New York.



Young love springs up in the Day household when Clarence junior (Jimmy Lydon) sets eyes on pretty visitor Mary (Elizabeth Taylor).

FAMILY HAS EVER CONTAINED DRAMA

Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse, who adapted the "Life With Father" stories of Clarence Day Jr. for the stage, were not a little surprised, as were many other people, when the play became the greatest theatrical hit of all time.

"In the beginning," said Lindsay, "we only figured the play for one short season on Broadway."

"But now," expanded Crouse, "with the steady eight years' run of the comedy to give him confidence, 'we can thrive. And we say that the reason for the show's success lies in the American family."

The two theatrical geniuses pointed out that, while the average American family is now nearly two persons less than it was in the mauve decade when their masterpiece takes place, there are still nearly 35,000,000 families in the country and almost 8,000,000 of them have at least one child under 21.

"And certainly," says Lindsay, "their foremo' consideration is the family itself."

"And consequently," says Crouse, "they flock to see family entertainment."

Lindsay picked it up again. "Now, with about 62% of the population married—those over 15, that is—it stands to reason the biggest problem of the biggest percentage, notwithstanding economics and—the international situation, is the plain old domestic problem."

Crouse adds, "So it's no accident that the three greatest hits in theatrical history were family plays—'Life With Father,' 'Tobacco Road,' and 'Abe's Irish Rose.'"

"But it goes further back than that," he stresses. "The family has been one of the great themes of dramatic history. Since time immemorial the domestic situation has been putty for the playwright and his brainchild."

Crouse observes, in support of his collaborator, that "Oedipus Rex," the greatest play of antiquity, was a domestic tragedy. Then over the centuries came "Hamlet" and "Romeo and Juliet." A man named Strindberg wrote a play called "The Father" and another man named Ibsen wrote a family tragedy called "Ghosts" and a Russian named Chekhov wrote a dour comedy about a dispossessed family called "The Cherry Orchard."

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"FORT APACHE" (King's). STARS: John Wayne, Henry Fonda, Shirley Temple. Set against the background of Arizona's Monument Valley, "Fort Apache" is a rip-roaring Western classic packed with action and suspense.

Colonel Thursday (Henry Fonda) is a bigoted, ambitious cavalry officer resentful of the lack of recognition of his services in the Civil War and determined at the first opportunity to make the country applaud him. Fonda gives the part all his own and makes the colonel a thoroughly unpleasant but memorable character.

In direct opposition to the pompous nastiness of the commander is the free and easy sincerity of Captain York (John Wayne). Second-in-command of the fort, he is one of those rare officers who can obtain the utmost from his men while dispensing with the spit and polish laid down in regulations.

The romantic interest of the film is present in the shape of Shirley Temple, who plays the colonel's daughter. Her swain is a newly-commissioned officer (John Agar) who is, incidentally, her husband under normal conditions. In the film he is the son of the Regimental Sergeant Major which fact rules him out as a prospective son-in-law in the eyes of the colonel.

Ever on the lookout for a chance to cover himself with glory in the public eye Thursday sees his opportunity when Captain York returns after a meeting with Cochise (Miguel Inclan), famous chief of the Apache Indians. York has arranged with Cochise for the Apaches to return to the reservation on American soil in order to do this York gave his word that no punitive action would be taken against them.

Thursday has other ideas. Going out to meet the Indians as they came back to the reservation, he takes along the whole regiment instead of the small bodyguard which was all that was necessary. He then arrogantly orders Cochise to return or take the consequences.

Captain York's protests at this injustice only cause the colonel to place him under arrest for cowardice, which incidentally saves his life.

Highlights of the film are the battle scenes beneath the withering sun of the desert. Significantly, the Indians in this story are not the typical villains of the piece at all. Their actions are fully approved and villainy placed heavily on the shoulders of Colonel Thursday.

To a man the cast produces sterling performances, from Fonda down to Pedro Armendariz, Victor McLaglen and Dick Foran, three of the sergeants in the regiment at Fort Apache.

Possibly Shirley Temple could have been a little more convincing in her passages with Lieutenant O'Rourke (John Agar) but perhaps she was over-anxious that her husband's first film should be a success. She need not have worried. He goes through the film with the ease of a seasoned hand at the game.

Much credit should go to John Ford for his masterly direction. He never fails. Whether it be a highly humorous incident of raw recruits being taught to ride or a hell-for-leather chase across the desert, he makes it sharp and intensely visible. (RKO)

"DEAR RUTH" (Queen's). STARS: William Holden, Joan Caulfield.

Just what the average girl would have done if her young and precocious sister had developed a fully-fashioned simmering romance on her behalf with a strange soldier's overseas during the war is a matter of interesting conjecture—or could be. What Dear Ruth (Ruth Wilkins, played by Joan Caulfield) does about it gives cause for jubilation among the proponents of the hearty guffaw.

It is a pretty situation when Lieutenant William Severoff (William Holden) arrives at Ruth's home steaming gently with

a heavy case of 'l'amour. With a large wad of quite definitely enthusiastic love letters raising the temperature of his suitcase he is naturally confident of a welcome such as only men who live alone for a long time are capable of dreaming up. On the other hand, Ruth's father and mother (Edward Arnold and Mary Phillips) can do little but make stilted conversation and register polite bewilderment.

Their feelings are as nothing, though, compared with those of Ruth when she is confronted by the fermenting eagerness of the impatient William.

While it turns out, has a chance. He is Albert Kummer (Billy De Wolfe), a highly respectable citizen with one foot firmly in the bank and fairly firm ideas about who should do what with his fiancée.

Then of course there is Miriam, who nearly has a fit of the pangs of American agony when she finds her cute idea bearing explosive fruit all over the place. Were she not such a cute little zombie she would (a) have relieved the situation immediately with a few well-chosen words, and (b) have had her sweet little head neatly lopped from her shoulders by ever-loving sister Ruth.

Neither of these things eventuates, which is just as well for the film's sake. All that does happen is one complication after another, all very well handled and very funny.

Safety belts are recommended for the less stable box-office queuers. (Paramount).

"SHAGGY" (Queen's). STARS: George Nokes, Brenda Joyce, Robert Shayne and Shaggy.

When there is an animal as the centre piece of a film one does not look for nothing—particularly when the animal is a great hairy dog who doubles round, exudes intelligence and devotion in all directions. This is just as well because one will certainly find no acting in "Shaggy".

Appreciation of this pallid drizzle will depend on how much you like dogs in the first place and in the second place how much you like little boys (as actors, that is). Dog-lovers score five; those for the little boys score five; if you come right out in the open

and say you like them both you ring the bell, take the jackpot and have yourself a wonderful time.

Ericfly, the story is this. The little boy and the hound are living on a ranch with father (the boy's only) All is sugar-and-spice until Dad arrives home from a business trip (he said it was business) with a brand-new wife, her feet still hot from the city payments.

Little boy does not like the new Mama. Instead of doing the obvious thing and stroking him across the side of the head with a hairy fence-post, Mama tries to be nice. Then she goes and puts her foot right in it by accidentally wiping out the little treasure's pet raccoon.

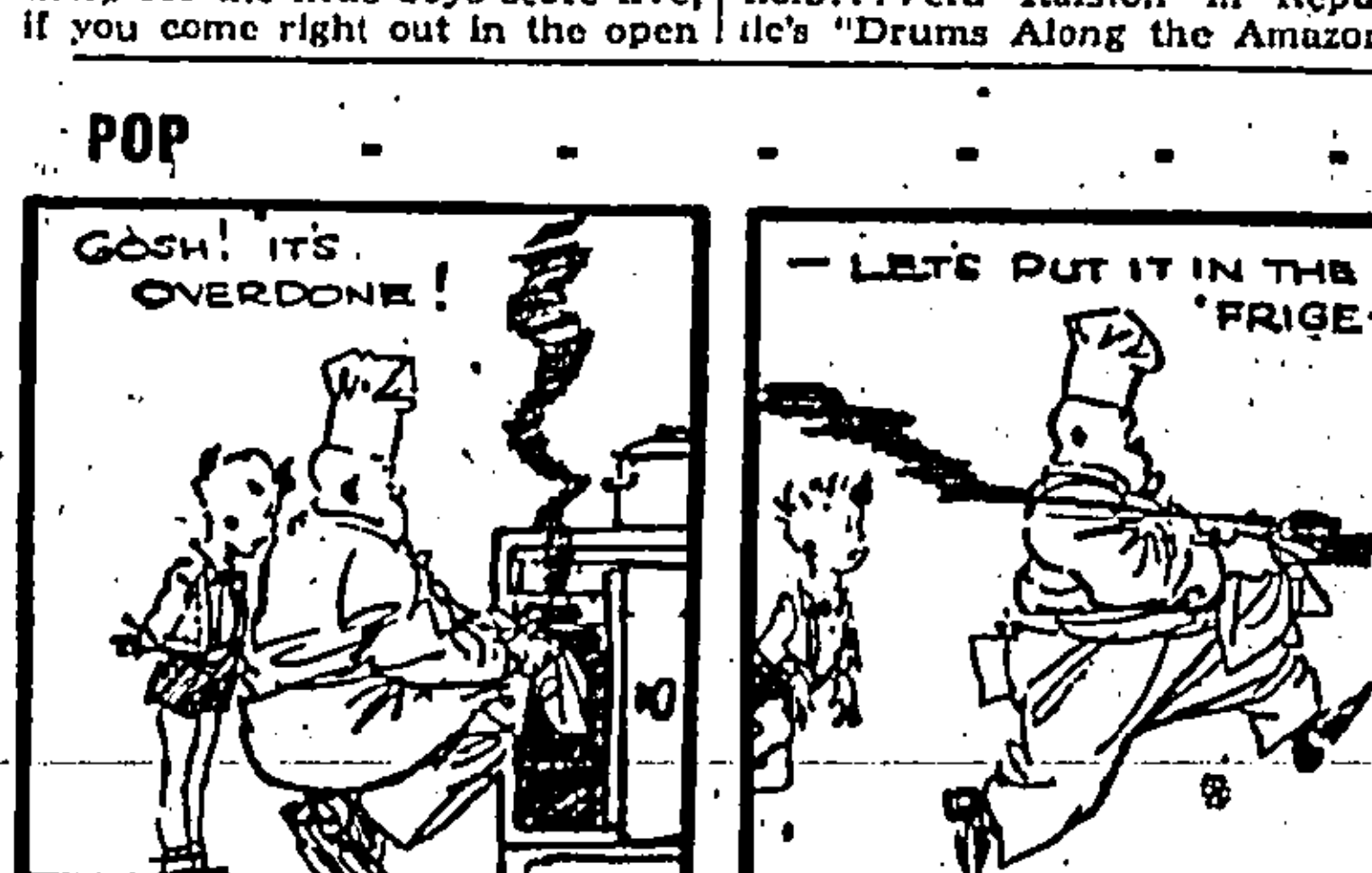
Little boy now dislikes Mama more 'than somewhat. From here things start getting dramatic. The hound is convicted of killing sheep (it's not true), hound is sentenced to be shot; little boy helps hound escape; father in terse with little boy; little boy takes to the hills; Mama follows on a horse; Mama falls off the horse and has to stay put with little boy and a sprained ankle.

Up pops a mountain lion closely followed by the hound. There ensues a fifteen-round skin-and-hair workout by the two animals. The film is shot in Cinecolor. (Paramount)

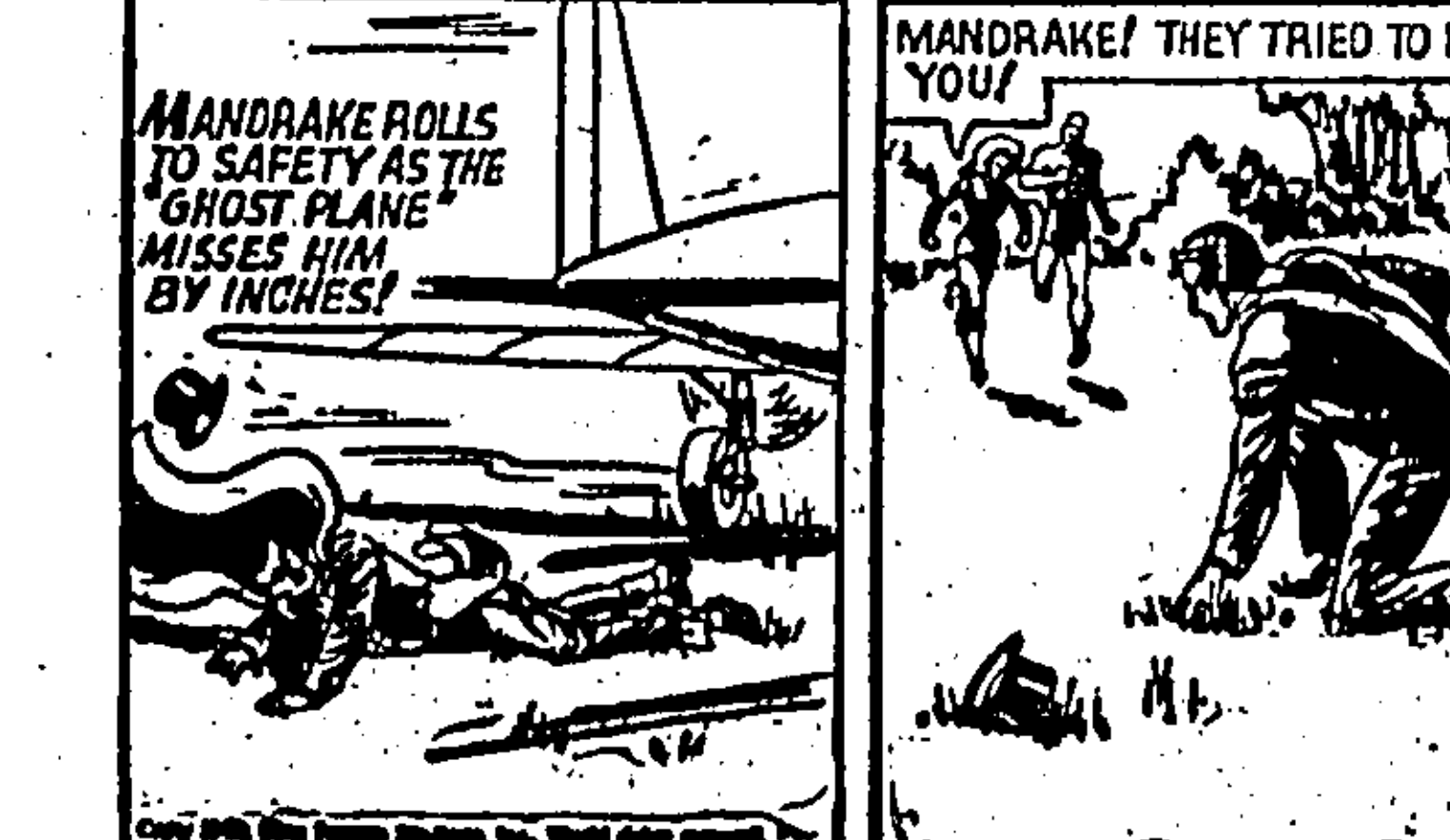
CASTING HIGHLIGHTS: Katharine Hepburn returns for a comedy called "Experiment in Love," to be made late this year. Roz Russell, luckless contender for Oscar honours, will take a crack at farce, "Madly in Love," after her visit to Scandinavian countries with husband and children this summer. Paul Muni planning an independent production of the life of Alfred Nobel in Europe. Keenan Wynn gets the comedy role in "My Dear Secretary," starring Laraine Day.

Miriam Hopkins returns to films for an important role with Olivia de Havilland in "The Heiress." Joan Caulfield, who has parted from Paramount, signed for the co-starring role with Robert Montgomery in "Larceny." Joel McCrea in yet another western, "Distant Drums," for Warners. Vera Ralston in Republic's "Drums Along the Amazon."

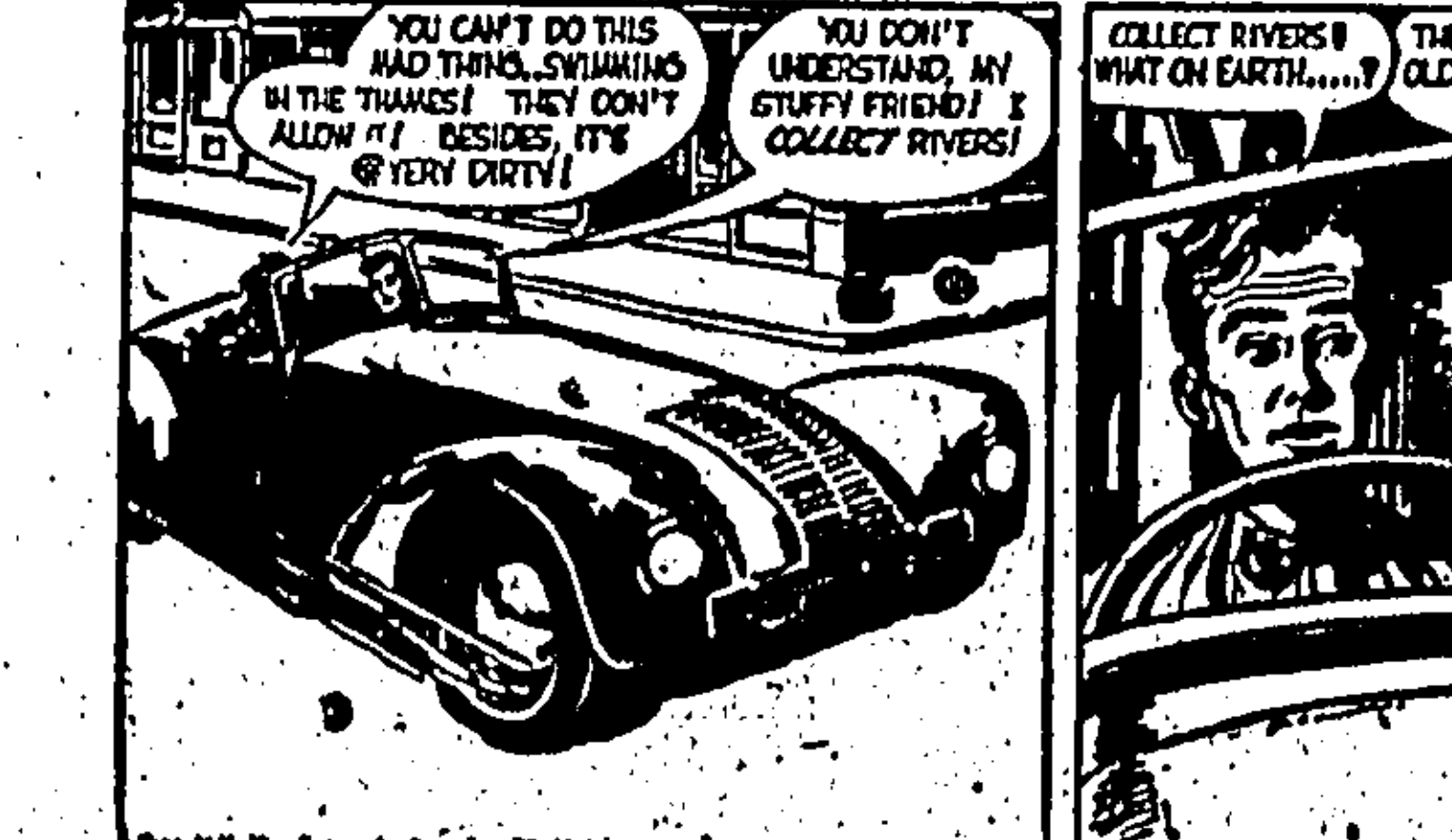
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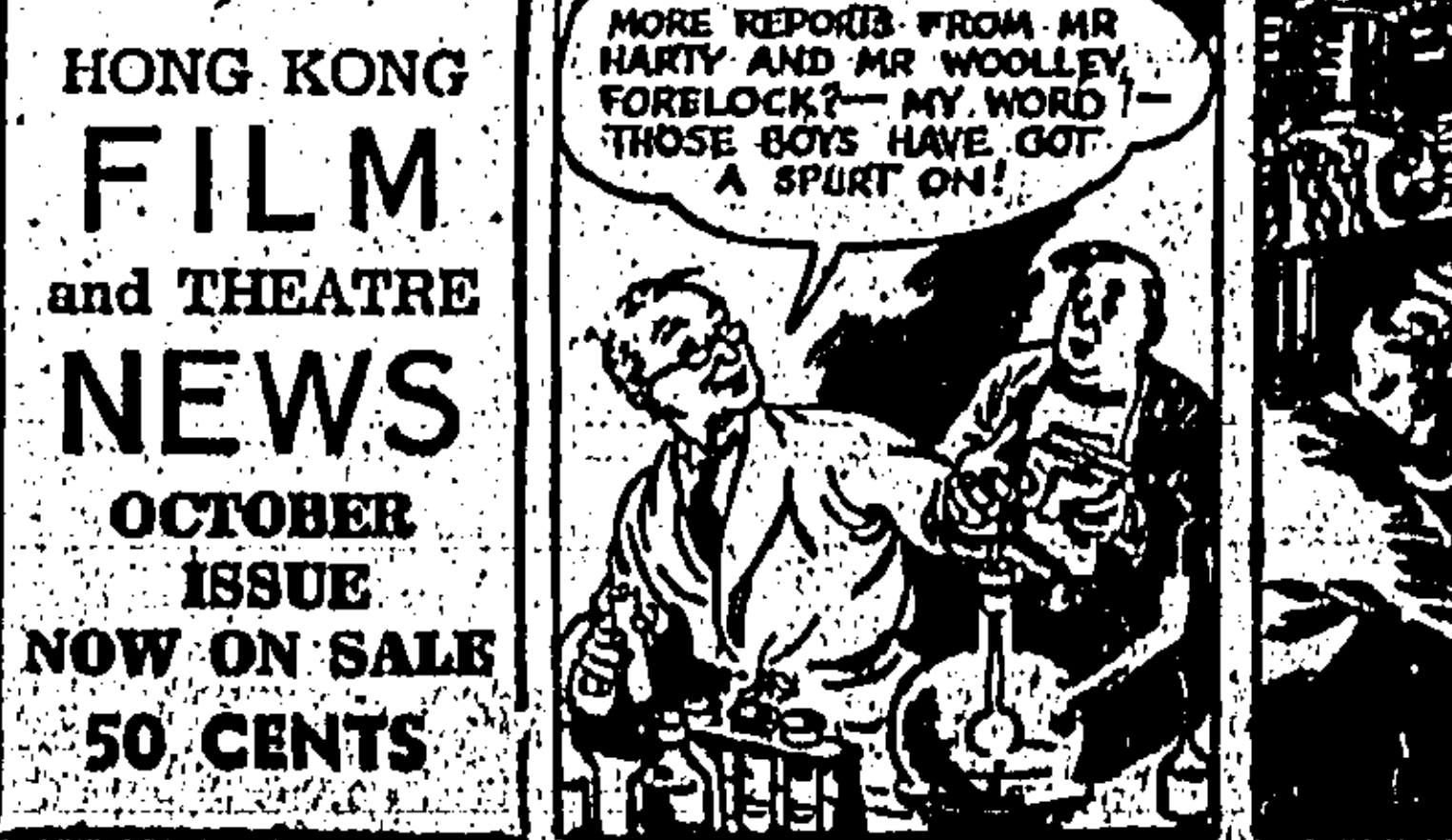
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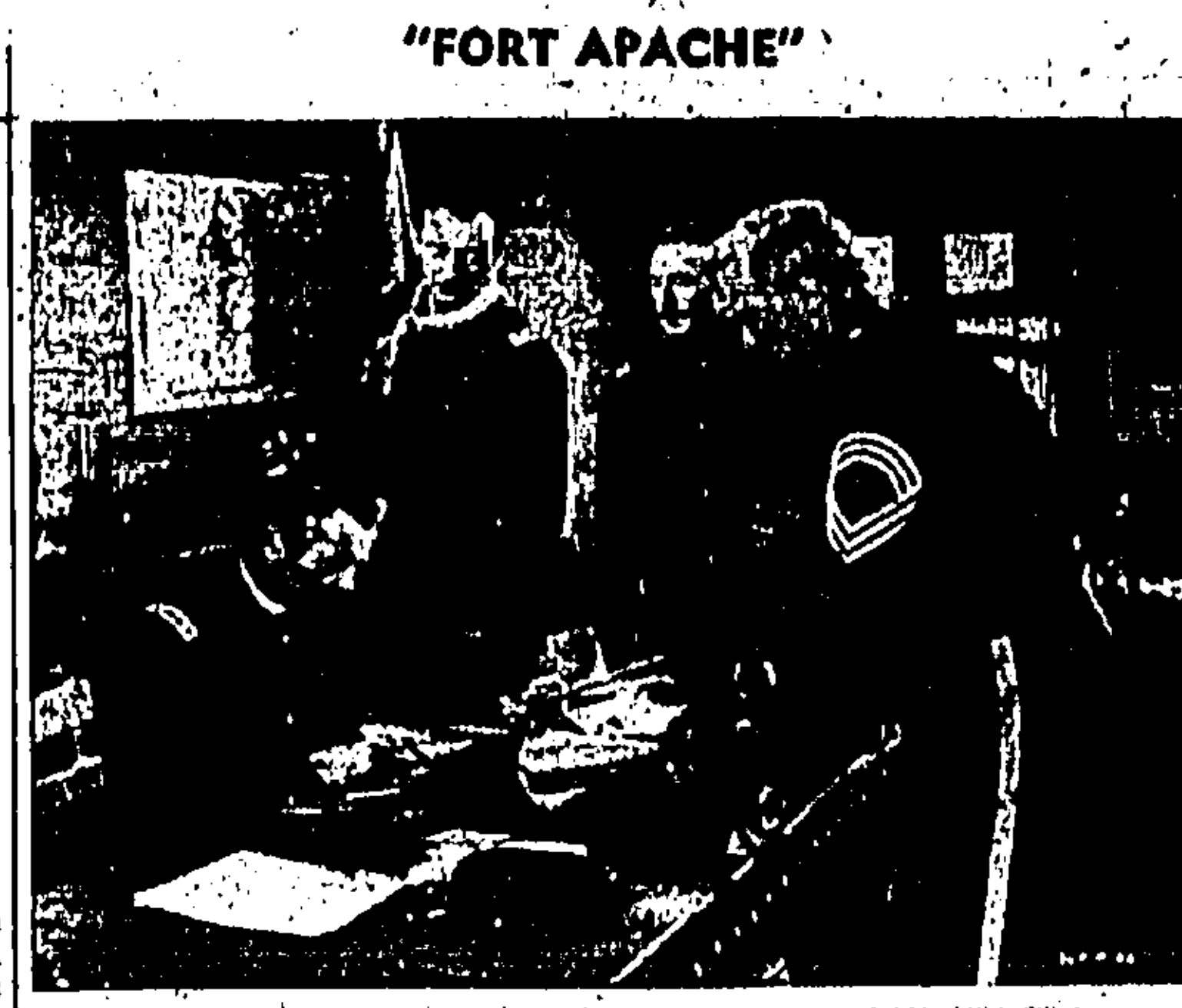


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STRATEGY.—Henry Fonda, company commander of an isolated army outpost in Arizona, plans an attack on the Indians while John Wayne, George O'Brien and Ward Bond watch in this scene from "Fort Apache," the RKO Radio release.

CINE MODITIES You Too Can Be In Movies

By PATRICIA CLARY
A movie director finally came out and said what everybody knows. "An appealing personality can make you a movie star without a grain of acting ability."

Lloyd Bacon said that after years of directing, he was convinced that someone with no acting experience at all could walk in front of a movie camera and do a swell job.

"It's much easier to get by without experience on the screen than on the stage," Bacon said. "The camera brings out personality much more than the stage. An actor may have been coached, but when he walks out on the stage for an evening's performance he's on his own. A good movie director can take all kinds of inexperienced people and get a workmanlike scene out of them."

Bacon took several students and teachers of the University of Nevada at Reno for bit parts in his latest 20th Century-Fox picture, "Mother Is a Freshman." Although none had even appeared in an amateur play, they all came through well.

Personality Shows
"An appealing or amiable person who can relax and still keep his mind on the lines can always do a fair screen test or part," Bacon said. "I have even seen non-professionals in the newsreels who registered beautifully on impromptu lines."

"Many a dull personality has managed to get considerable charm across the footlights by studying the tricks of acting. These tricks don't work with a movie camera, but if you have the right personality you don't have to use them."

Bacon said he didn't mean that there are no fine screen actors, or that one can't act well on the screen. But wardrobe departments, photographers, cameramen, directors and coaches "take almost any candidate and make him look good in anything but a top dramatic part."

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BERLIN RESOLUTION BEING TONED DOWN

Paris, October 20.

The Security Council, when it meets on Friday, is expected to have the majority support for a resolution on the Berlin dispute considerably less drastic than was at first anticipated. Following negotiations between the Western Powers and the six "neutrals" of the Council, it is expected that the resolution will be along these lines:

1. Both parties to the dispute will be asked to lift the restrictions on transport in the Berlin area.

2. They will be asked to resume negotiations on the question of currency control.

3. They will be enjoined to resume negotiations in the Council of Foreign Ministers as soon as possible.

It is reliably learned that the resolution will not contain any outright condemnation of the Soviet blockade as a "threat to peace."

A Compromise

This would represent a considerable compromise on the part of the Western Powers.

It would also represent a concession to the French point of view, which has consistently been opposed to any measures which would merely serve to emphasize the cleavage between the East and the West.

It is hoped in Western diplomatic circles that a resolution along the lines indicated might, at the worst, meet with Soviet abstention. This would be equivalent to tacit acceptance.

In his last meeting with Mr. Vyshinsky, Dr. Brumha is understood to have outlined the new approach which the "neutrals" were intending to make. The fact that the unofficial "committee of six" is now apparently proceeding with its draft resolution is taken in some quarters to indicate that the Soviet position was found to be, if not affirmative, at the worst conciliatory.

More Conciliatory

The French delegation's position is believed to be causing difficulties, as their attitude appears to be that the Western Powers should not try and take too drastic a line in the Council.

The French delegation itself is known to be preparing its own resolution, in which an attempt is being made to express the desire of the Western Powers for peace, while placing the Russians in a difficult position if they refused to co-operate.

The trend, so far as it is known, appears to be moving away from the straight-forward condemnation of the Soviet Union, which the Western Powers at first envisaged.—Reuter.

AID TO EUROPE SOUND POLICY

Miami, Florida, October 20. The Secretary of Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, told the American Legion Convention at Miami today that the United States could not afford to withhold "proper foreign aid."

He said: "We have given aid to England, France, Italy and other Western European countries under the interim aid and the economic recovery programmes. Our experience up to now has been that these expenditures are sound policy. We are succeeding in our objectives of promoting recovery and stemming the inroads of Communism."

Mr. Snyder said also that the United States "cannot hold back on national defence at a time when the international outlook is as grim as it is now."—Reuter.

Formula For The Crisis

Paris, October 21.

A new formula for settling the Berlin crisis was submitted to the Big Four powers last night by the six "neutral" members of the United Nations Security Council.

Authoritative quarters said the new resolution appeared "eminently satisfactory" to the Western powers. Andrei Vyshinsky (Russia) promised to send the draft to Moscow for study.

One neutral source said Mr. Vyshinsky had approved the resolution conditionally. But there was no confirmation of this from the Soviet delegation or from any other source.

Some Western sources, while agreeing that the plan offered a possible way out, were cautious about its chances of success.

One high Western official said: "The possibility of a settlement remains, but I would go no further than that."

The resolution was reported to recommend that Russia lift the Berlin blockade within 48 hours after the Security Council approved the proposal. The Western powers, on their side, were asked to agree to a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers on Berlin, and the whole German

Beveridge Plan; A Third Report

London, October 20.

The State should encourage voluntary action of all kinds for social advance, says Lord Beveridge in the third Beveridge Report published today.

He gives an eight-point programme for the State in relation to voluntary action. The report is a sequel to the famous Beveridge Plan of 1942.

The latest report deals with what the individual has done and should do to help himself and his fellow men. It urges encouragement of friendly societies, co-operation of public authorities and voluntary agencies and a Royal Commission on charitable trusts, which might turn the mass of small endowed charities to better use.

Lord Beveridge suggested communal night nurseries, where children could be placed so that parents would be free to enjoy themselves every now and again.

He described the housewife's job, with a large family, as "frankly impossible." It would remain so unless some household tasks now done separately in every home could be done communally outside the home.

The report stresses the need for rest centres for mothers and cheaper holiday accommodation. Reuter.

COTTON TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS

Tokyo, October 21.

Allied occupation sources said that the Netherlands is discussing the possible purchase of 200,000-300,000 yards of cotton textiles from Japan within the next year.

Dutch and Indonesian delegates have been discussing financial arrangements with Allied foreign trade officials.—Associated Press.

Defence Talks In Holland

The Hague, October 20.

General de Lattre de Tassigny, Commander-in-Chief of the Western Union Land Forces, arrived in Amsterdam from Paris today for talks with Dutch military leaders.

Air Chief Marshal Sir James Robb, Commander of Western Union's Air Forces, arrived from Britain.—Reuter.

Minorities' Aspirations In Burma

Rangoon, October 20.

Thakin Nu, the Burmese Premier, today urged Burma's new regional autonomy enquiry commission to explore "ways and means of satisfying all the legitimate aspirations" of the Mons, Karens and Arakanese, three of Burma's minority groups.

Declaring he had "ample reasons" for his request, the Premier said any nation disunited would recede to the background in the world line-up.

Briefly, he said, "This satisfaction is a conviction by each national group that it is receiving fair and just treatment at the hand of the other."

"More lip service cannot give satisfaction. It must be implemented by deeds."

The statesmanship of Burma's national leaders was being put to its "severest test" in history, the Premier added.—Reuter.

problem immediately after the blockade is lifted.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN ACCUSES RUSSIANS

Berlin, October 20.

The British Military Government, replying to a protest by the Communist-sponsored Berlin Association of Nazi Victims against the dismissal of municipal employees in the British sector, made a charge of "wholesale political persecution" in the Soviet sector.

The Association had demanded that the dismissals be cancelled in the ground that victims of Fascism should receive preferential treatment in employment.

The British reply stressed that the British authorities do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the civic authorities to deal with the individual cases of appointment and dismissal of employees.

The British reply added: "It cannot have escaped your notice that a very large number of employees and officials have been dismissed illegally and unconstitutionally in the Soviet sector of Berlin. These wholesale dismissals represent political persecution on a large scale, yet no mention is made of this in your letter."

"The British Military Government is in sympathy with all persons persecuted for political reasons, whether they be victims of Fascism or of any other ideology. It would appear natural that the municipalities in the British sector may wish to find employment for the hundreds of blameless employees who have been subject to political oppression in the Soviet sector. If this is so, the responsibility must rest with those who have carried out the illegal and unconstitutional dismissals in the Soviet sector."—Reuter.

Turned-In Currency For Backing

Nanking, October 21.

Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Government spokesman, today said that gold, silver and foreign currency turned in to the Government may be used to back the new gold yuan currency.

He reiterated the Government's policy of providing 100 per cent support for the new currency.

Dr. Tong said specie and foreign currency surrendered to the Government may also be used for other purposes whenever necessary.

He said up to September 30, gold, silver and foreign currency converted into gold yuan at the Central Bank of China totalled US\$131,333,270.

Regarding the progress of the sale of stockshares of the five state-owned enterprises to private ownership, Dr. Tong reported that up to October 15 a total of 4,419,700 gold yuan of stockshares had been sold.

He said stockshares will be made available for sale shortly also in Tsingtao, Hankow, Fochow, Amoy, Kuning, Sian and Chungking.—United Press.

Case Still Undecided

Applying for a remand of a week in the case in which five men were charged before Mr. W. H. Lalimer at Kowloon yesterday with possession of arms and ammunition at Lantau Island, Detective Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew said that he had not yet been decided whether to take the case for committal or for summary.

Chan Kwok alias Ng Tit, aged 23, was charged with possession of a Mauser pistol and 16 rounds of ammunition at Shek Pik Village, Lantau Island, on September 28.

Cheng Yuk, aged 30, Kung Cheuk, aged 24, Chan Hon-man, aged 23, and Wong Fat, aged 31, were charged with the possession of two revolvers and two hand grenades at the same place on the same date.

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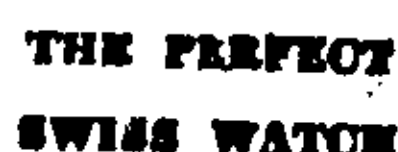
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